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GOERING BEGINS NEW MASS AIR ATTACKS

Sharp Dog-Fights Over London

THE GERMAN AIR FORCE STEPPED UP ITS DAY OFFENSIVE AGAINST LONDON AND SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND YESTERDAY WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THIS WEEK, FORMATIONS OF FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER-BOMBERS RAIDED THE CAPITAL AND COASTAL AREAS IN PLACE OF THE SINGLE RAIDERS COMMON EARLIER IN THE WEEK.

The formations were between 20 and 50 strong though at one time two of the larger formations were grouped together.

British interceptor 'planes, which are now no longer taking the air outnumbered, engaged the enemy over London, Kentish inland towns, over the coast and over the Channel, and A.A. gunners were busy, particularly in the Thames Estuary.

Crossing the coast at fantastic heights of 30,000 feet and above, some raiders succeeded in penetrating to the London area, starting with a dive-bombing attack in an outer district at dawn and dropping bombs mostly at random in roads and on private commercial property.

The proportion of raiders who carried bombs was not, it is believed, high.

Extent of the damage and the number of casualties is not yet known but one high explosive bomb caught a busy street in the rush hour.

London Quiet

This increased enemy activity followed London's quietest night since the start of the mass night raids on September 7 and for for the first time London was not specifically mentioned in the Air Ministry communique.

It coincided with, though not necessarily associated with, the apparent ending of Hitler's diplomatic journeying in western Europe, as with the German disclosure of Italian participation in air attacks on Britain on Thursday night.

The German news agency report on yesterday's raids describes them as "severe" and says German speed bombers discharged heavy calibre bombs on "important military targets" in London.—Reuter.

Air Ministry Communique

An Air Ministry communique confirms that with British fighters and A.A. guns constantly in action most of the enemy formations which crossed the south-east coast yesterday at intervals heading in the direction of London were split up and dispersed.

A few enemy aircraft succeeded in reaching the London area and bombs were dropped at a number of widely separated points there and in south-east England.

Some houses were hit and a small number of people killed and others injured.—Reuter.

NAZIS CHASED TO DUNKIRK

British fighter pilots are now "beating up" the German air force again over Dunkirk beaches.

It was revealed in London yesterday that three times in recent weeks Spitfires chasing German raiders on Britain back across the Channel shot some down within range of their own A.A. guns on the French coast.

One Scottish squadron in one of these actions shot down one of 15 Messerschmidts which they first sighted at 30,000 feet over Ramsgate, actually on Dunkirk beaches, and two others in the sea.

Another squadron which took part in one of the biggest of the Dunkirk air fights during the evacuation of the B.E.F., brought down two of 50 Messerschmidts they had chased from London, near the French coast, while a sergeant pilot of a third squadron sent yet another Messerschmidt into the sea after a similar chase —Reuter.

TWELVE NAZI 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

Twelve enemy aircraft were destroyed yesterday, says an Air Ministry communique. Eight British fighters were lost but the pilots of four are safe.—Reuter.

MASS ATTACK ON CONVOY

Just before dusk last night, off the South-East Coast, a number of enemy 'planes launched a mass attack on a convoy and its barrage balloons.

There was a terrific battle as each of the ships of the convoy and its escorts opened up with heavy anti-aircraft fire, pom-poms, Lewis-guns and everything they had

The racket increased as British fighters roared into the sky and zoomed to attack.

The Nazi 'planes dropped about thirty bombs, all around the ships, but though some of them may have been hit with splinters and swamped with volumes of water as the bombs burst in the sea, no vessel received a direct hit.—Reuter.

BRITISH DESTROYER LOST

Two successes by British submarines and the loss of a British destroyer were announced by the Admiralty in a brief communique issued in London yesterday.

The destroyer H.M.S. Venet a. been sunk by an enemy mine.

No details were given.

The British submarine Regent destroyed an Italian supply ship in the Mediterranean, while the submarine Swordfish sank a German torpedo-boat off the French coast.

The Italian supply ship was a vessel of 6,000 tons.

The Admiralty communique cites the sinking of the supply ship and torpedo-boat as a further example of the continuous pressure which British naval forces maintain on coastal communications in enemy waters.—Reuter.

SPAIN EXPECTED TO STEER CLEAR OF AXIS WAR

WHILE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN MADRID OR BERLIN, THERE IS GROWING CONVICTION THAT HITLER'S PERSUASIVE TONGUE HAS NOT PREVAILED AGAINST GENERAL FRANCO, AND THAT SPAIN'S ENTRY INTO THE WAR AT THIS STAGE IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.

It is interesting to note that the Madrid newspapers, apparently under official guidance, are saying nothing that could be interpreted as preparing the people for entry into the war.

At the same time, speculation about the possible subjects of the Hitler-Franco talk, or about the attitudes adopted by either side is forbidden.

The background of the comment, however, is strongly reminiscent of that when Senor Suner went to Berlin—satisfaction is expressed that Spain is making her presence felt in Europe, but comment is otherwise non-committal.

Most Spaniards, however, are well aware that their country is facing serious moments and these at a time when food is most scarce while over the frontier is the German Army and around the coasts the British Navy.

Feeling now however is somewhat brighter and the belief is gaining ground that General Franco will succeed in guiding the country safely through a difficult situation.—Reuter.

PETAIN AND LAVAL

Marshal Petain and Pierre Laval were expected back in Vichy last evening, states a Vichy despatch.—Reuter.

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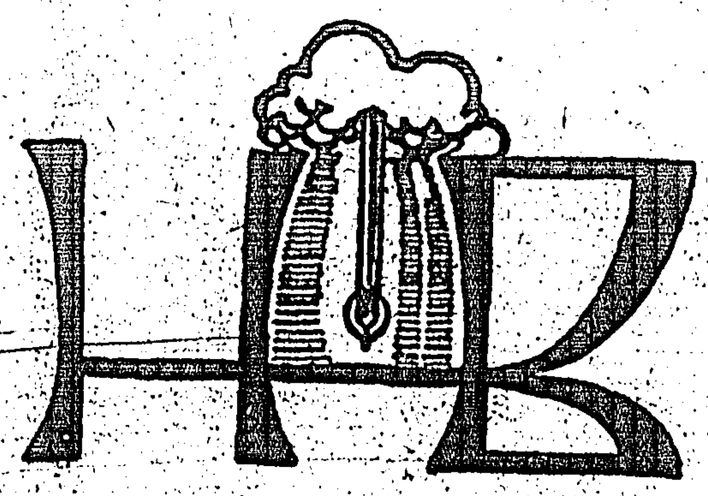

—AND *THEN* TRY!

THREE-HOUR RAID ON BERLIN

Hamburg Shipyard Attacked For Over Two Hours

THE FAMOUS BLOHM and Voss shipyards at Hamburg, the biggest in Germany, where new German surface craft and submarines are under construction, were repeatedly bombed for 2½ hours during Thursday night's raids on Germany.

The Air Ministry News Service, making the disclosure, states that these yards have been extensively damaged in previous raids.

Much destruction was caused and many fires started in the shipyards on Thursday.

In addition, the dockside oil refinery at Hamburg, with its annual output capacity of 400,000 metric tons, was attacked by a separate raiding force.

Tons of heavy bombs and nearly a thousand incendiaries were rained upon the plant, scoring repeated hits and starting great fires in many parts of the target area.—Reuter.

Overcast Sky

Bombing of targets in central Berlin at a "considerably" lower altitude than in most of the R.A.F.'s 22 earlier raids on the German capital was carried out on Thursday night, it was revealed in London yesterday by the Air Ministry.

In a fuller description of the R.A.F.'s widespread attacks on Germany and enemy occupied territory, the Air Ministry says weather conditions over Berlin, were far from favourable to the British raiders.

An overcast sky with clouds extending in a deep bank from 12,000 to 4,000 feet met early arrivals. To make sure of hitting their targets—which included a railway centre — they launched their attacks from a considerably lower level than in most of the previous raids on Berlin.

Extensive Damage

Over the city shortly after midnight these aircraft located and attacked the Putlitzstrasse and Lehrter railway yards where salvoes of high explosive bombs added to the extensive damage inflicted on these yards in previous night raids.

One raider was hit in several places by shrapnel while pressing home his attack from a low level.

Other raiders which also sought out objectives in the heart of the city started a huge fire in one target area which served as a beacon for others which came later.

Nearly Three Hours

The last wave of the attack began at 12.30 a.m. For the next 75 minutes the British bombed at a lower level than in previous raids, crossing and re-crossing the city's centre as they made individual bombing runs under constant heavy fire from ground batteries.

Later arrivals found gaps in the cloud layer which made it possible to attack from a higher level where gunfire from ground defences was less intense, but poor visibility in all areas hampered detailed observation of the results.

As the last cargo of high explosives and incendiary bombs was unloaded, clocks struck 1.45 a.m. Berlin's twenty-third raid had lasted nearly three hours.

Berlin Attacked

In a message from Stockholm, Reuter's correspondent summarises the reports of Swedish journalists on the R.A.F. raids on Thursday night.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" writes: After one night free from raids, British pilots seem to have worked overtime.

Drizzle and low clouds over Berlin enabled the British airmen to descend and ascertain their exact positions.

Some high explosive bombs were dropped in the Berlin area, but apparently incendiary bombs were mainly used.

Great Glares

Many fires were started and great glares, heightened by the clouds, appeared in the sky.

The correspondent says that Berliners are now learning the wisdom of taking shelter when the British 'planes arrive.

He adds that the fact that hitherto no previous British raids had been made on a Thursday night had led the people of Berlin to believe that the Berlin raid specialists among British pilots enjoy a night's leave on that night of the week.—Reuter.

M. HERRIOT IN "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY"

M. Herriot, former Premier and later President of the Chamber, and the Mayor of Lyons, has been arrested and is in protective custody at a place, the name of which is being kept secret, according to DNB quoting Vichy reports.—Reuter.

SKIRMISH OUTSIDE KASSALA

A British patrol again successfully engaged a party of the enemy outside Kassala on Thursday. The enemy suffered casualties before they withdrew, states the official communique issued by GHQ in Cairo yesterday.

Quiet conditions reigned on other fronts.—Reuter.

Sub-Lieutenant R. W. Timbrell, R.C.N., and Sub-Lieut. J. W. Golby, R.C.N.V.R., who were recently decorated with the D.S.C., photographed with Mr. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner. (Copyright, Fox).

STEADY PRESSURE OF ATTACKS

Over 90 per cent. of Germany's synthetic oil capacity has been bombed and over 80 per cent. of her refining capacity for treating crude petroleum has also been bombed and is either out of action or operating under great difficulties.

Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, made this disclosure to the University Liberal Club in London yesterday to illustrate how British economic warfare and bombardments go hand in hand.

Already, said Mr. Foot, there is reason to believe that British bombers have substantially reduced the number of new aircraft coming forward to replace German losses in the Battle of Britain.—Reuter.

Sea cadets of 16 and 17 are to play an important part in Britain's war effort, for they are being given an intensive training course in signalling to fit them as instructors to other cadets, and thus release men required by the Admiralty for service afloat. The lads are carrying out their training in the 70-year-old "Bounty", formerly a sailing ship employed in the Bristol tobacco trade. She has been acquired by the Navy League as a Sea Cadet Corps training ship and has been fitted to accommodate 48 boys, who work five hours a day for twelve days and then return to their units. Photo shows one of the boys lashing up his hammock on turning out. (Copyright, Fox).

EVACUATION COMMITTEE IN SESSION

THREE APPLICATIONS, for permission to enter the Colony, to remain in the Colony until next month, and for exemption from evacuation by Miss M. Dibden, (on behalf of Miss R. Little), Mrs. L. M. Fieth and Mrs. H. Kennedy-Skipton, respectively, were dealt with by the Evacuation Advisory Committee in the Council Chamber this morning.

Miss Dibden's application was rejected, the Chairman stating that it was not impossible for her to find a substitute for Miss Little, who had never been a resident of the Colony, to assist in the Babies' Home at Fanling.

The case of Mrs. L. M. Fieth was adjourned for a week, the applicant undertaking to supply the Committee with definite information as to when she will leave Hong Kong for Shanghai.

Mrs. Kennedy-Skipton made a lengthy statement referring to laws, racial discrimination, and reasons why money, which she said could be spent in strengthening and bettering the defences of the Colony, should not be spent on her evacuation.

She admitted having travelled on a British passport but insisted that she was an American citizen and did not come under the compulsory evacuation regulations.

Her application was rejected, Mr. E. H. Williams, Chairman of the Committee, remarking that the Committee saw no exceptional circumstances in her case.

While reading her statement, Mrs. Kennedy-Skipton was several times interrupted by the Chairman, who said that the Committee was not there to hear anything said on behalf of a number of persons and that she should confine her statements to her own individual case.

ROOSEVELT HAT FOR WINDY USAGE

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has a new campaign hat.

It is a tight-fitting, off-the-face black turban, which she requested for riding in open cars.

During the last campaign, Mrs. Roosevelt pinned her hat on to prevent it from blowing off and halting the progress of the campaign motorcade.

The new hat was a part of her new autumn wardrobe, which also will be her campaign wardrobe; and which includes six costumes—four black, one wine-coloured, and one a dull slate blue. She purchased them at Arnold Constable's in New York.

The chief campaign costume is a simple afternoon street suit of black wool and satin, its wool skirt topped with a high-necked blouse, and worn with a short black cloth jacket. All the dresses are American designs.

STAR FERRY SERVICE IN BLACK-OUT

During the black-out exercises on 29th and 30th October, movement of road traffic with properly obscured lights is permitted until the sounding of the Air Raid Alarm signal, when the lights on all vehicles must be extinguished, and the vehicles must remain stationary until the sounding of the Raiders Passed signal. On the sounding of the Raiders Passed signal, movement of traffic, with obscured lights, may be resumed.

No movement of shipping or other craft will be permitted between sunset and sunrise with the exception of the Star Ferry, which will maintain a restricted service between Hong Kong and Kowloon with all lights on board the vessel extinguished or obscured, and with no navigation lights alight.

This service will cease on the sounding of the Air Raid Alarm signal, when the vessel will proceed to the nearest jetty, where it will remain until the Raiders Passed signal is sounded. On the sounding of the Raiders Passed signal, the ferry service may be resumed.

BOMB INVENTOR DEFIES TAX MEN

Lester P. Barlow, Baltimore inventor awarded a claim of $692,719 by the Government for a bomb patent, is "out to put the heat on the tax collectors."

Mr. Barlow declared he would "rock the Capital" before paying an estimated $412,817 in income taxes on the money awarded him after a 19-year wait.

"I'll fight the taxes with every legal means. I don't want anything for Barlow. I'm just out to put the heat on the tax collectors. I'll show 'em they can't rob honest men.

"I'll admit I've got the law against me. I know most people would just take it on the chin without fighting. But I'm going to carry the fight to Congress. The law is wrong and I aim to get the law changed."

Mexico Clamps Down Full Embargo Against Japan

All Shipments Of Oil Suspended

MEXICO IS NOW RIGHT in the open with her policy that nothing which may be used for war purposes shall reach the totalitarian powers.

It has culminated in an official decree ordering the suspension of the shipment of oil or its derivatives to Japan, coupled with the cancellation of the concession to extract petroleum on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico held by the Campania Vera Cruzana, which is a subsidiary of the Japanese Mitsubishi interests.

There was already a ban on shipments to Japan of mercury, manganese, antimony and scrap iron and other articles.

It is understood that as a result of the foregoing, several Japanese steamers en route to Mexico have been ordered to change their destinations while the loading of others in Pacific ports has been held up.

In future, the export of materials which can be converted to war purposes will be allowed only after a declaration that they are not for the countries of the three-power pact.

The situation is significant as indicating that Mexico is solidly behind the war policy of the United States.—Reuter.

RAIDS ON CHUNGKING RESUMED

Japanese aircraft in two groups bombed Chungking again yesterday at about noon.

The first group of raiders dropped bombs on the downtown area near the Yangtse River front, starting a big fire which was, however, quickly got under control.

Many bombs also landed in the Yangtse River some in the vicinity of Tangtsechih on the south bank.

The second group bombed the Western suburbs.

Several of them were light bombers which swooped low and released a few bombs and then swept the area with machine-gun fire. Only two slightly wounded cases were seen in the area. They were quickly given first-aid treatment and later returned to their homes.

Little Damage

Office window glass was shattered and plaster brought down in various buildings, otherwise no damage was done.

The alarm sounded at 10 a.m. when the first group of 27 machines and the second group of 18 planes were sighted heading for Chungking, where the first group appeared an hour later, while the second group arrived shortly after noon.

Many of the bombs which fell in the Yangtse landed immediately below the point where the American Embassy and the American gunboat "Tutuilla" are located. The places where bombs landed could not have been more than 600 yards from the Embassy and gunboat.—Reuter.

FRANCO RETURNS TO MADRID

General Franco left San Sebastian for Madrid yesterday afternoon following his meeting with Hitler.—Reuter.

END OF AN "ENEMY TANK"

The great advantage of the "Molotov Cocktail" with which the Home Guard are now being armed, is the speed with which they can be made.

Although simplicity itself in construction they are a highly effective weapon for use against tanks and other armoured vehicles.

This was proved in spectacular fashion by a detachment of Home Guards in the Eastern Counties the other day.

From their well-concealed post they carried out an attack on an advancing "enemy tank," consisting of a good deal of corrugated iron, formidably arrayed on an old car, and decorated with a sinister black Swastika.

As the tank rattled towards an obstruction, the Home Guard set about it with their "cocktails."

In seconds it was enveloped in a sheet of flame.

One or two well directed "cocktails" broke it up in a flaming pile.

Destruction was brought about by a small post of Home Guards, using comparatively few of the new weapons.

Their leader, a splendid old veteran of the Matabele campaign, threw his "Molotov" with accuracy and great satisfaction.

The crew of such a vehicle, faced with the sudden onslaught, would have had the alternative of being burnt to death or scrambling out and surrendering to the armed men waiting for them.

Men who were with the B.E.F. have said that they would have given a lot to have had a good supply of "Molotovs" ready at the time of the German break through to the right of the British line in Belgium.

There will be no shortage of cocktails here.

GIFTS FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS' RELIEF

SEVERAL SUBSTANTIAL GIFTS FOR THE RELIEF OF AIR-RAID VICTIMS IN BRITAIN WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The Norwegian Government has granted £10,000 for the relief of London victims, in "further proof of the friendship and collaboration which unites the Norwegian and British nations."

A Washington message says that the American Red Cross has given U.S.$50,000 to provide 25 cottage shelters for British children rendered homeless or orphans through air raids.

The money was subscribed by American children during the summer.

A cheque for £2,700 has been received from the Southern Rhodesian tobacco industry. Like the recent sum of £7,500 from the same source, the money is to be equally divided between the Ministry of Aircraft Production and the Ministry of Supply.

A gift for the purchase of 'planes has also been received from the Petty Officers' Mess at the R.N.V.R. base in East London, South Africa.—Reuter.

GAYDA PLAYING NEW TUNE

The Italian "cake-walk through Egypt" is now apparently regarded differently in Rome.

Now the "enormous difficulty" of the task facing the Italian forces in the Egyptian campaign, in view of "the gigantic British preparations" are emphasised by Signor Gayda in "Giornale d'Italia."

He declares that the British forces massed in Egypt total 250,000 men and he adds: "But even so, the British Command is not satisfied and is going to send yet more reinforcements.

"As a result over 30,000 more men are on their way to Egypt and, in addition, Australia is equipping three further divisions for Egypt.

"These gigantic preparations prove the enormous difficulty of the task facing the Italians in Egypt but they will not stop the new offensive which will be launched by Marshal Graziani despite all the attempts at desperate resistance offered by the British Navy and Air Force."—Reuter.

ITALIAN 'PLANES TAKE PART IN RAIDS ON ENGLAND

ITALIAN PLANES, for the first time, took part in the raids on Britain on Thursday night, according to a Nazi High Command communique. They do not appear to have done much, for it was one of the quietest nights Britain has had for some time!

According to the Rome paper "Giornale d'Italia," Il Duce has "personally decided to create a special Italian air force to take part in the bombing of London."

This force, according to the same paper, will be "of impressive size."

According to a Rome despatch from an air-base on the English Channel, the Italian 'planes came bearing the marks of combat but "joyous at the certainty of a first victory."

The Germans keep up the tale by claiming that the Italians had a "great success by their gallant and well-aimed blows."

There is some surprise expressed at all this in Britain, for Thursday was one of the quietest nights in many weeks!

The Air Ministry does not even mention London, and says that there was very little activity over the country as a whole."—

If the Italians are happy at this "success," so are we!—Reuter.

Three Possible Reasons

Three reasons suggest themselves for Italian participation in air raids on Britain, says Reuter's air correspondent.

They are, firstly, Germany needs the help of skilled Italian pilots and crews to maintain the scale of night attacks as the weather gets worse; secondly, Germany is reorganising her heavy bomber squadrons for action in other theatres of war and wants Italian assistance to cover this withdrawal; thirdly, it may be that Italy has persuaded Germany to let her have a hand in the bombing of Britain in retaliation for the R.A.F. raids on Northern Italy.

Authoritative circles in London have no comment to make on the German announcement and do not commit themselves to the favouring of any of these three possible explanations.

The Italian initial raids, it should be remembered, appears from the German communique to have been confined to East Coast harbours.—Reuter.

CHRYSLER BUILDING TANKS

The 25-ton tanks the Chrysler Corporation will build for the United States Government will be rolling out of the new plant to be erected in near-by Macomb County well in advance of the 13 months stipulated in the contract, if the plans of K.T. Keller, President of the corporation, are realised.

Mr. Keller pointed out that Chrysler Corporation already has built 35,000 trucks for the Federal Government, and that on one order earlier this year deliveries were made 90 days ahead of schedule.

Long before the contract for tank construction was signed, Mr. Keller said in an interview, 197 men went to work on the production problems involved.

Six thousand men, Mr. Keller said, would constitute one shift of the workers in the tank plant. Initially, he went on, they will turn out five tanks in an eight-hour day.

The King visiting the east coast, where he inspected harbour and coastal defences and met bodies of troops manning the defences. Photo shows the King inspecting men of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. (Copyright, Fox).

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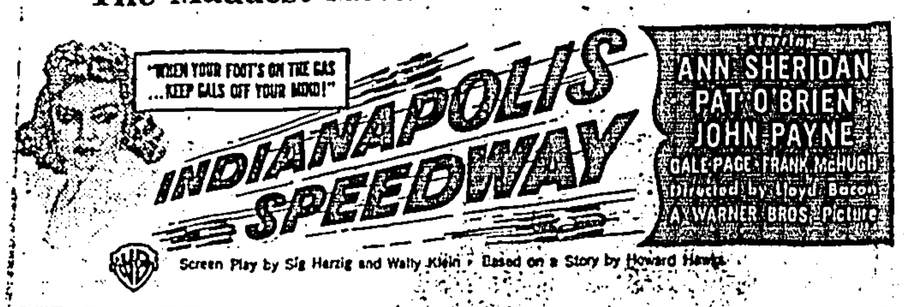

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The colourful pageantry which is a traditional feature of public ceremonies in the Indian capital was absent at the conference. The very simplicity and brevity of the opening ceremony seemed to be indicative of the desire of all representatives to get down to the tasks ahead of them in the shortest possible time.

After the Viceroy's speech the delegates divided into committees and began deliberations. The conference decided to set up a central committee under the chairmanship of Sir Mohamed Zafrullah Khan, leader of the Indian delegation, to consider matters of policy and procedure.

The committee proceeded to appoint two other committees to deal with heavy and light industries, respectively.

It was decided to send a reply on behalf of the conference to Mr. Churchill's message.

Serious Work

Lord Linlithgow, the Viceroy, declared in his opening speech: "There is serious work ahead of us all. I am satisfied that we have it in our power, working together, to make towards the common cause a contribution destined to be of the greatest value and which may prove decisive.

"But if results of the highest value are to flow from our joint endeavour our contribution must be timely as well as sufficient, for in war speed is near to victory.

"Those empires of the past which have fallen have generally fallen from some inherent defect from within. That is unlikely to be the fate of the British Commonwealth.

Fair In Freedom

"British elements within that comity have a common heritage. Together we represent in varying degrees that political philosophy which permeates the whole but common denominator of all that is fair in freedom and believe in those things of the spirit which make peoples truly great.

"Thus what we seek to do here is not something that will redound only to our credit as individual units of a world wide Empire. Rather it should reflect a firm expression of our living faith in the splendid heritage which we enjoy as members of an association of liberty-loving peoples."—Reuter.

SOVIET ATTENDING DANUBIAN PARLEYS

The Soviet delegation to the Danubian Conference to be held in Bucharest on Monday left Moscow by air for Sofia, en route to Rumania, yesterday.

The delegation is led by M. Sofoley, Secretary-General of the Foreign Office.

It is recalled that an indication was given by Moscow recently that the Soviet expected to be consulted on Danubian affairs.

Moscow's reminder was followed by an announcement by Germany that a new "Axis Commission" would be established to replace the International Danube Commission for regulating Danube river traffic problems set up after the Versailles Treaty.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE SMALL TURNOVER

Despite a small turnover prices on the London Stock Exchange yesterday generally were firm. Industrials displayed good spots but Lever and Unilever weakened from 25/- to 23/6. Home rails occasionally met with profit-taking. Some Japanese bonds finally improved on absorption of recent offerings coupled with speculative support. Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

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MR. ROOSEVELT MAKES NO BONES ABOUT IT

President Roosevelt informed his press conference yesterday he intended to serve the whole four years if re-elected President.—Reuter.

TOTALITARIANISM HIT BY EDUCATOR

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchinson, president of Washington and Jefferson College, declares that America's best chance of survival as a free and democratic nation "is to stop totalitarianism and stop it now."

The college head, welcoming students at Opening Day exercises, said, "We of the educational and Christian convictions have failed; our armies and navies must step into the breach." He added:

"We believe the actual survival of the United States as a free and democratic nation is now threatened.

"Our first line of defence is the British Empire, England and Gibraltar; the second line, the (Western) Hemisphere; the third line, North America; and the last line, the United States proper.

"Victories are won on the first line of defence. Any other strategy is defiant of the odds. Our best chance of survival is to stop totalitarianism and stop it now."

MR. KENNEDY'S PROGRESS

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, United States Ambassador to Britain, left for America by Clipper from Lisbon yesterday.—Reuter.

The Atlantic Clipper, in which Mr. Joseph Kennedy is a passenger, was yesterday ordered to be held overnight at Horta (Azores) owing to a severe tropical storm.—Reuter.

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AIR CODE IN WAR YIELDS TO MILITARY EXPEDIENCY

THIS AIR WAR IS rapidly shaking itself free from the last clinging vestiges of peace-time restraint as it enters the crucial period which will determine the future complexion of Europe, and perhaps western civilisation, reports an American correspondent in Berlin.

Under the impact of bombs on London and Berlin all the inhibitions which have until now kept it from reaching the full pre-war concept of what modern aerial war would be like are rapidly dissolving. From now on military expediency will determine its character and scope.

During the three weeks of English bombs over Berlin the local press here has developed a rationalisation now complete so far as German public opinion in general is concerned. The English are now represented to the German public as "pirates," "lawbreakers," "destroyers of cultural monuments."

Every German air attack on England is represented as "retaliation." Every English raid is represented as a deliberate attack on civilians.

Campaign Of Justification

The feeling of freedom gained for the military authorities by this press justification is indicated by the satisfaction with which a German official said to me after one night's air raid, "The English have played right into the hands of our propaganda." He referred to the fact that a small incendiary bomb had gone through the glass roof of the Reichstag Building and another had made a four-inch hole in the roof of the Brandenburger gate.

No appreciable traces of damage remain, and Buckingham Palace was hit the same night, but the incident was sufficient for the campaign of justification which was expressed in the phrase, "an eyes for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," widely splashed over the front pages of the Berlin newspapers.

In other words, so far as this side of the fighting front is concerned the alibis are all in order and no more thought need be given to the fact that civilian mentality anywhere accepts unrestricted military operations with reluctance, whether the civilian is English, French, or German.

The Lid Is Off

So far as the other side is concerned it is easy enough to appreciate the satisfaction with which the English pilots over Berlin must pull their bomb releases when one realises that many of them have families in London and undoubtedly all of them have seen what German bombers have done in their Capital.

The lid is off and from now on anything goes.

Left completely behind and forgotten here is the new theory about military objectives which was evolved at the time the German armies were approaching Brussels and Paris.

At that time it was argued that the old distinction between military and nonmilitary objectives had been superseded by the question whether a city was defended or undefended.

It was stated that any defended city was a military objective in its entirely. Since Berlin as well as London is obviously defended the German formula of three months past would classify all of Berlin as a military objective. However, the current practice in the Berlin press is to make a distinction here between a dwelling house and a factory, even though the house may be in immediate proximity.

Meanwhile certain conclusions about the English bombings of Berlin are possible after 13 raids. Although they have been spectacular their significance is still to be measured rather in terms of the prestige which they have won for the English war effort than in terms of actual physical damage done.

The English bombers have proven their technical ability to reach and bomb Berlin whenever they have enough planes or the inclination to do it extensively.

But so far the raids have been conducted with very few planes—probably not more than a dozen on most nights, and in the opinion of neutral observers not more than about 30 on even the heaviest nights.

This means that relatively few bombs were dropped and small physical damage done from explosive bombs.

The English incendiary bomb seems to be of minor effectiveness. I personally watched one burn itself out within 25 feet of my hotel window. Of probably a dozen dropped within the immediate vicinity of my hotel, only one started a fire, and that was quickly extinguished. The others all landed on open ground and burned out harmlessly. The expended casings of two I examined were marked 1938.

Night Raids Unpreventable

On the other hand, the German anti-aircraft weapons have completely disproved the pre-war idea that night air raids could be prevented. I have watched searchlights groping the skies during every raid without ever locating a plane. Though the heavy anti-aircraft barrage filled the skies with a brilliant Fourth of July fireworks display, there were no results.

Anti-aircraft guns are apparently not even effective as a means of keeping 'planes at a high altitude. Judging from the sound of the motors, some of the 'planes have flown over the centre of Berlin at probably less than a 1,000-foot altitude on clear moonlight nights without being hit.

In other words, there literally is no real defence for a city against night raids. Berlin is probably defended by a greater concentration of anti-aircraft guns than any other city in the world, but it only proves that the aviators were right before the war and the artillery experts wrong.

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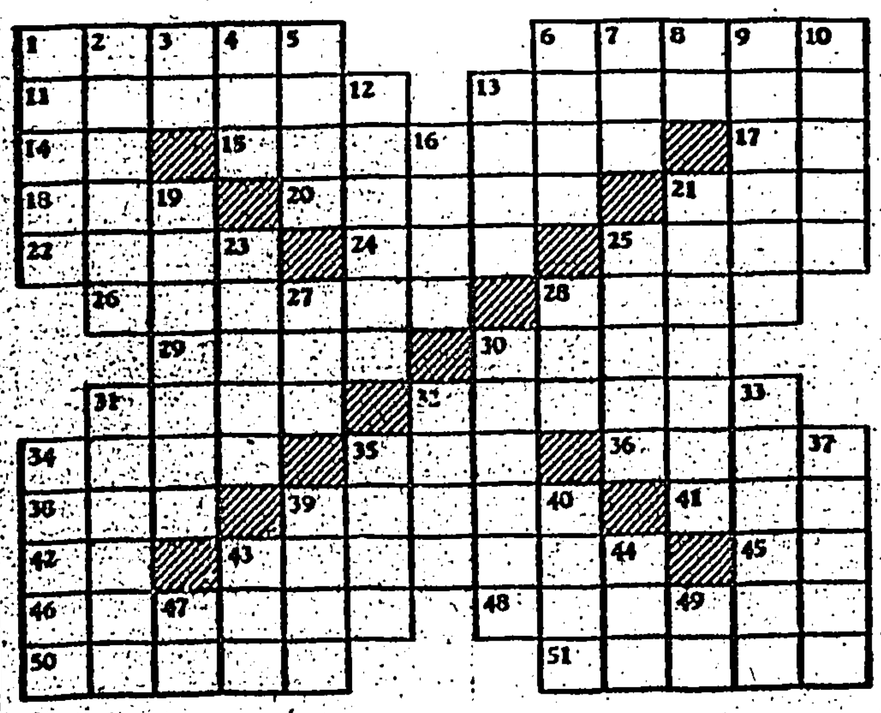

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1 Movable barriers
6 Tilled land
11 Sister of Cadmus
13 Moved smoothly over ice
14 While
15 Loose draping
17 Preposition
18 Conducted
20 European mountain-ash
21 Thread formed on a spindle
22 Metallic dross
24 Russian commune
25 To close
26 Asian
28 To mix
29 Heavy weights
30 Froth
31 Trumpet call for reveille
32 Gentle-women
34 To sketch
35 Taxi
36 To plummet
38 Palm leaf
39 Mdlrs
41 Greeting
42 Symbol for calcium
43 Blocked
45 Preposition
46 To wait on
48 Boasted
50 Slightest
51 Succulent vegetables

VERTICAL
1 Apportions
2 European thrushes
3 Conjunction
4 Fabulous bird
5 Goading instrument
6 Related by blood
7 Sped
8 Preposition
9 Roundabout way
10 To accept as one's own
12 Scents
13 German river
16 Likeness
19 Period from dawn to dusk
21 Absurd fancy
23 Distressful sound
25 Sedate
27 Tavern
28 Earth
30 Knitted material
31 To expand
32 Den
33 Form of government in Russia
34 Suburban train
35 Programme
37 Awaits
39 To gasp
40 European
43 Footlike part
44 Female deer
47 Symbol for tantalum
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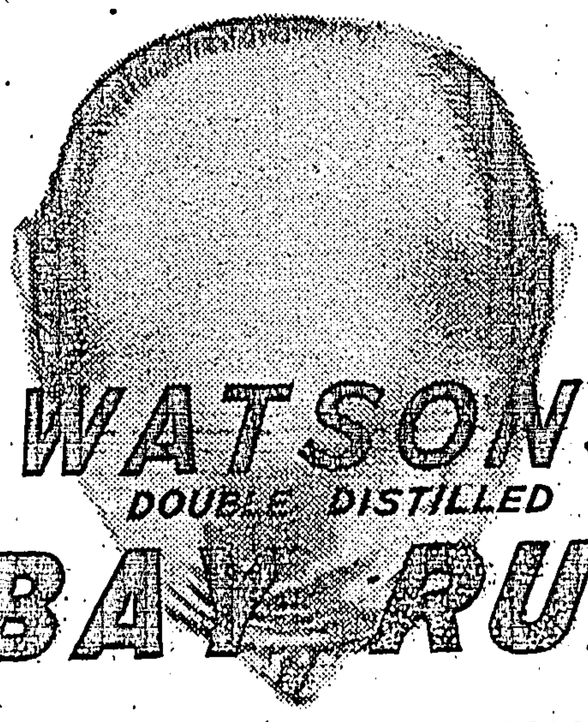

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RAIDERS AVOID BATTLE

Large numbers of German 'planes crossed the South-east Coast of England but fled without dropping any bombs.

There were nearly 200 German aircraft altogether, and they came over in waves varying from 12 to 30. Flying at a great height they penetrated inland, but each group, directly it was engaged by British fighters, turned back without dropping any bombs in the area.

One formation of about a dozen aeroplanes travelled towards London, but their behaviour was just the same as the others when fighters went up.

Anti-aircraft guns opened fire on one Messerschmidt 109 which shot down four barrage balloons in a South-East area.

When the 'plane first appeared from a westerly direction it cruised so casually over the town that it went unchallenged. Suddenly it swooped on to a balloon, shot it down in flames, and vanished into the haze over the sea. A minute later the raider swept in over the coast again, and shot down two balloons which were close together. Flying recklessly through a furious anti-aircraft barrage the raider dived low and attacked another balloon, which fell in flames. Then, ringed by bursting anti-aircraft shells, the raider escaped across the Channel.

At least one person was injured when two German 'planes dived and machine-gunned a part of the South-Western area. A high-explosive bomb caused a gorse fire. Little damage was done.

WOMAN CAUGHT BY NAZIS STOLE PETROL, ESCAPED

An Englishwoman who, captured by the Germans in Northern France, escaped by faking a document, stealing German petrol, and then cycling through France when her petrol was gone, has just reached Madrid.

Her name is Mrs. Irene Mocatta, her home is at Harrietsham, near Maidstone (Kent), and she was an ambulance driver with the French Red Cross. Her husband is a commander in the British Navy.

Mrs. Mocatta was ordered on June 17 to go to Poilers and pick up French and British wounded. She found the town being heavily bombed.

And here, in her own words, is what happened to Mrs. Mocatta:—

"When we reached Poitiers we began evacuating wounded soldiers from the railway station, which was ablaze. I had hardly time to put four men in my ambulance when the Germans arrived. They ordered us to take out our wounded and to put in theirs.

"They also ordered me to take five dead German solders to the mortuary, but this I refused to do. I worked all that day and all night taking German wounded to hospitals.

"Three o'clock that morning, in pouring rain, was zero hour for me. I stopped my ambulance on the side of the road, got out and cried. Not from fear, but from the thought that I would never work again for our side.

Became Dumb

Next day we were all sent to Paris. Thinking that I was in the French Army Red Cross (my enrolment card bore no nationality) the Germans took no notice of me.

"I decided to become dumb, and hardly opened my mouth for a whole week.

"One day in the Rue Royale I was stopped by two German officers who saluted and asked me in French the way to the Rue de la Paix. For a moment I was frightened of giving away my nationality, but looking at them made me so angry, I told them in English that I did not know.

"One of the officers replied, 'An, American?' 'No,' I replied, English.' Hearing this they clicked their heels and walked away.

"After five weeks a girl friend and I planned our escape. She had a small Simca car—five horse-power. At the beginning of August I faked and signed a Red Cross order sending me with an ambulance to Bordeaux.

Soldiers Kissed

"Filling it up with petrol I drove the ambulance round to my friend's house where we siphoned the petrol into the Simca—putting the reserve in the back. Then we drove off.

"Germans who stopped us at Bordeaux refilled our car with petrol.

"We went on to Bayonne, with my heart missing a beat every time I saw a German soldier. At Bayonne we tried to get some more petrol, but could not; so we were forced to abandon the car, and bought two bicycles.

"Cycling along the lonely country lanes, we eventually came to a village where we met three French soldiers. The sight of their khaki uniforms made me cry with joy. I knew we were safe. We almost flung our arms round their necks and kissed them.

"The rest of the journey was simply a matter of cycling. I am now on my way to England, where I hope to be able to continue my work with the British Red Cross."

DISCOVERY OF CHINESE ANTIQUE

A beautiful porcelain Chinese jar about one metre high and believed to have remained buried more than 100 years, was unearthed last week in hacienda San Jose, La Castellana, Negros Occidental, by labourers of Jose Gomez, Jr., owner of the sugar plantation. It contained the skeleton of a woman.

The news was brought to Manila by Antonio M. Borja, former vice president of Hinigaran, Negros Occidental, who had personally examined the discovery.

About one metre away from the place where the jar was found, a Moro kampilan (large knife) and a dagger were found, both made of copper. Chinese porcelain plates were also found.

The jar and other articles are in the office of Mr. Gomez in La Castellana, exhibited to the public. Local connoisseurs believe that it must be about 200 years old. It contains Chinese decorations including the design of a dragon.

DUCHESS' MYSTERY VISITOR

SCOTLAND YARD ARE QUESTIONING A MAN WHO WAS FOUND IN THE GROUNDS OF THE DUKE OF KENT'S HOME, THE COPPINS, IVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

When challenged the man said that he wanted to see the Duchess of Kent, and that he had made a similar trip with that object earlier.

The Duke, like other members of the Royal Family, is accompanied everywhere he goes by a police bodyguard.

The officer on duty had the man detained at Slough police station, where he was later interviewed by a Special Branch detective who drove to Slough from Scotland Yard.

The man gave his name as John Patrick Curtin, and said he was formerly employed at a Great Western Railway hotel.

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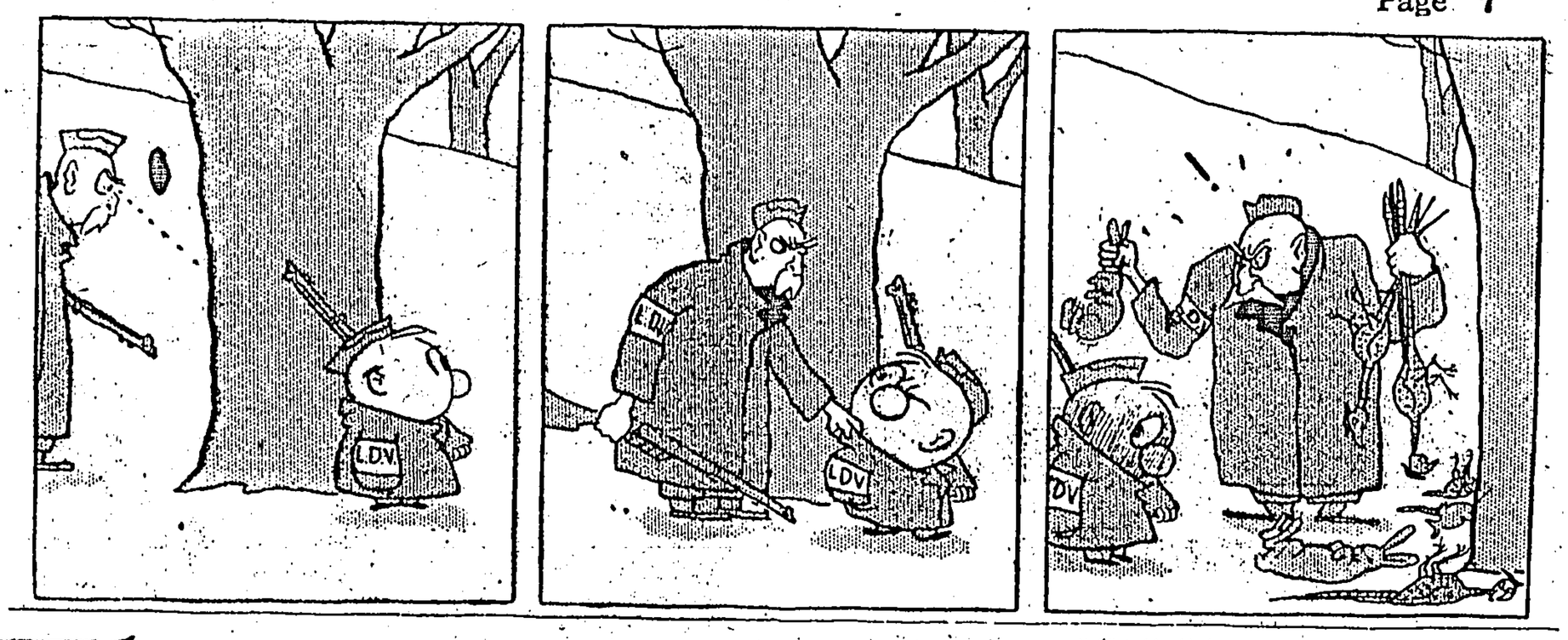
IMPROVING ON ANANIAS

Even in their most ambitious moments, Ananias and his wife Sapphira would probably have hesitated to aspire to the heights of mendacity attained by Dr. Goebbels. Under the tutelage of this gnome-like propagandist the Berlin radio and the German News Agency have learned to retail the lie direct and the lie circumstantial with remarkable proficiency. Yet their falsehoods lack perfection because they deceive so few people outside of Germany. Over-emphasis and an exaggerated estimate of human credulity reduce them, very often, to absurdity. "The New York Times" finds it sufficient to study freight rates to obtain complete grounds for discrediting U-boat sinking claims. As an instance of unconscious humour, it would be difficult to improve on the recent statement of the German News Agency that the R.A.F. "must take a scientific course if it wants to equal the German achievements"—this only shortly after the "German achievement" of losing 187 'planes in a single day! Even more amusing was the "circumstantial" broadcast by Berlin radio declaring solemnly that numerous pedlars were selling cocaine throughout the West End of London to people whose nerves had been shattered by bombing raids. A large shipment of the drug, "disguised as wheat," had, it was stated, arrived in a recent convoy, presumably one of the convoys that did arrive! Perhaps an exploratory examination of De Quincey's writings had already convinced Dr. Goebbels and his fellow propagandists that Londoners were traditionally drug-minded; though it was not cocaine but "just, subtle, and mighty opium," whose praises De Quincey sang. It is well known that the Nazi propaganda machine combs the literature of the past in search of suggestive ammunition. Apparently, however, they have not yet encountered the salutary English saying that "a little learning is a dangerous thing." Certainly no better proof of Pope's aphorism could be advanced than this singular misjudgment of British character and habits.



The Battle Of Britain

By Dr. S. I. Hsiung

"When mountains we saw no more, rivers ceased to flow,
And we thought the scene had come to an abrupt end,
Lo, darkened with willows but brightened with blossoms.
Another beautiful village suddenly appeared before us!"

can be borrowed to describe the mind of the people in England in the dark hours of the collapse first of Belgium, then of the French forces, and now in the time of the brilliant defence during the first phase of the Battle of Britain.

Up to the time of the capitulation of France it must be confessed that Germany had been extremely fortunate. Though the invasion and occupation of the Low Countries and Scandinavia and the entry of Italy into the war on the side of Germany were expected, the sudden surrender of the King of Belgium and Marshal Petain's truce-seeking were two great surprises to everybody, including, I think, Herr Hitler himself. While they were very pleasant surprises to him, they were heavy blows to Britain. Herr Hitler the aggressor, with millions of men mobilised, could not afford to be idle. He was bound to turn every man and every gun he had to the attack on the British Isles.

At that time the augury for Britain was not too good. The Allies were in a position of great risk in evacuating a large army hurriedly from Dunkirk. It was almost a miracle that more than three hundred thousand men were saved. But they lost nearly all their equipment, and in days like these it has taken a long time efficiently to re-arm them. Whilst Herr Hitler, on the one hand, had subdued his last enemy on the continent and obtained access to a great deal of material in France, Great Britain, on the other hand, having been deprived of the help she was expecting from the continent, had greatly to increase the fortification of her coast and hurriedly to re-equip her army.

Though faced with these heavy odds, the British never lost their courage and their firm belief in a final victory. It was then that the whole nation began to prepare for the Battle of Britain with redoubled determination and speed, and in a very few months their achievements have been truly magnificent. All the guns, munitions and vehicles which they lost in Belgium and France have long ago been replaced. Their aircraft production, in the hands of Lord Beaverbrook, now largely exceeds the output of Germany without taking into account the aircraft which are beginning to pour in from America.

It is quite clear that to win the war, the offensive must be taken. But the time is not yet ripe for Britain to do this. On the contrary, she must for the time being prepare for a thoroughly defensive warfare. The reason for this is that while Britain, whose aim has always been peace, was trying to settle the disputes of the nations in an amicable way at the round table, Germany, the aggressor, had been secretly and rapidly re-arming herself. The first few months of the war were not efficiently utilised by the British, and by the time France had collapsed, Britain was still a long way behind the preparedness of Germany. That is why she started the Battle of Britain with heavy odds against her.

Now let us carefuly study the advantages of the invaders. As their navy is much inferior to that of Britain, they naturally had recourse to their air force, which is much superior in size to that of Britain, though not in quality. It has been estimated that at the beginning of the war Germany had probably thirty or forty thousand aircraft, including all types. Even taking away heavy losses of a thousand or two, their number must still be many times greater than that of the Royal Air Force. With the occupation of the north of France and the whole of Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Norway, they have air bases surrounding Britain in a semicircle. From most of these places they can reach London and all other important British cities and ports in a very short time.

On the other hand, if the Royal Air Force want to bomb Berlin or any important city in Germany they have to fly a very long distance before reaching their objectives, and to encounter enemy defences for a much longer time than the Germans. On their way back from the attack again they are exposed to their enemy for a long time over his territory.

As for reconnaissance flights, Germany again is in an advantageous position. To fly over England and Wales, Scotland and part of Ireland is a comparatively easy job compared with flying over nearly the whole of the continent of Europe. There is no comparison between the area which the Royal Air Force has to cover and that which faces the German Air Force.

With regard to the armies, these have to be kept in reserve until either party starts an invasion. Germany, though she has a bigger and perhaps better equipped army, cannot make use of it until she obtains the supremacy of the air and of the sea. As for the supremacy of the sea, it appears that Germany, even with the help of the Italian fleet, dare not compete with Britain. Germany's only weapon on sea has been her unlimited U-Boat warfare. This has done a lot of damage to Allied as well as to Neutral shipping, but it has not been decisive. Their E-Boats—a kind of light torpedo boat of great speed—have met with even less success in the Channel.

It is clear, then, that if Germany wants to attack Britain it is the Air Force which will be the decisive factor. With their numerical superiority, the Germans have been hoping to gain air supremacy over Britain. As you will already have heard, there have been continuous mass air attacks over Britain. The results, as again you will have heard, must have been very disappointing to Herr Hitler. In spite of their greater quantity, the quality of their Air Force cannot be compared with that of Britain. On August 15th, no less than 108 German aircraft were shot down over Britain and her coast, and the majority of them were bombers or dive bombers. Three days later, on August 18th, in another big attack 153 aircraft were destroyed. Britain's losses during these two occasions were 34 and 22 respectively, and it must be added that out of the 34 machines lost—all of them single-seater fighters—17 pilots are safe and out of the 22, 10 pilots are safe.

Perhaps these figures, people will say, sound too good to be true. Then I must tell you that they are, in a way, far from being correct. They err on the modest side. These official figures given out only represent enemy 'planes which are seen to crash to the ground, dash into the sea, or blow up in the air. Any craft which has been damaged and breaks away to escape is never reported as destroyed. And surely, you know, many of the 'planes thus damaged never were able to reach their bases.

It is true that the country which is on the defensive in an air attack has certain disadvantages. Bombs falling on its soil and damage on the ground are unavoidable. Even shrapnel and bullets from the anti-aircraft guns will do some damage to its own people. But there is this advantage. Any pilot or crew from the invading aircraft will be captured if they bale out by parachute, and therefore have to be counted as lost, while on the other hand, any parachutist landing in his own country, if he is not wounded, can report for action immediately. Then there is the question of salvage. Aircraft which are slightly damaged can be repaired for service again, and those which are badly damaged can at least be salvaged as scrap. It is said that Herr Hitler has generously presented Britain with a very large amount of scrap metal in the course of his recent continuous mass air attacks on this country.

It seems to me that Herr Hitler has little chance of success if he intends to invade Britain. At present a large part of the British Army is at home, and never before has she had so many men in these islands. The whole country has now been proclaimed as a defence area, and every part of these islands is well-guarded by the regular army as well as by the Home Guards. They are all waiting to give the invaders a hearty welcome. Herr Hitler may attribute his successes in Belgium and Holland to the use of parachutists, but he will find a very different story in England.

The Moral Weapon

By R. A. Scott James

Much has been said and written since the downfall of France about Great Britain's means of resisting a German invasion. An attempted invasion of Britain seemed the obvious sequel to the occupation of France; and the prospect of so sensational a move held first place in men's thoughts. But it cannot be too strongly emphasised that the object of the British Government is not merely to repel a German invasion, but to *win the war*. Great Britain is charged with the task of destroying the supremacy of the Nazis in Europe.

It is important to remember this, for the moment will assuredly come when the Nazis will start a new peace offensive and will hope to win over those who might think that nothing is to be gained by a prolongation of the war. Let us look forward a little and suppose that the Germans have either attempted to invade Britain and failed, or that they have given it up as a project too risky. Let us also suppose them to have discovered that in spite of the damage they may do to British shipping by air action they cannot blockade the island, nor on the other hand break Britain's blockade of Europe's Atlantic coastline.

In such circumstances it is likely that Hitler will make offers that he thinks acceptable. Herr Hitler may think that he can secure peace and do what he likes with Europe and the French Empire if he offers to respect the complete integrity of Great Britain and the British Empire. I have no doubt that the British Government would unhesitatingly say No.

To those, inside or outside the country—and I think they would mostly be outside—who might say to it: "What can you hope to gain by continuing the war? You are undefeated. All your armed forces are intact. You retain your freedom and your ideals for the citizens of your own country, and for citizens of the Dominions, and control of your Colonies. How can you expect singlehanded to overcome the might of Germany on the European mainland? Is it not better to avoid further bloodshed and come to terms now?"

I am convinced that the reply of the British Government would be: "That is defeatism. Our object is to win the war. We shall fight on."

I am not going to attempt to forecast Britain's military plans. We shall, of course, be reminded that Germany alone, apart from Italy, boasts a population greater than the total white population of the British Empire; that it can now use the industrial resources of all the conquered countries, and has access to raw materials it formerly had difficulty in obtaining; and that it would be at an advantage in military operations on the continent, even when Great Britain is fully equipped. I leave it to others to point out the military and economic advantages which Britain, on the other hand, would retain thanks to command of the oceans and the equipment which it may expect to draw from the Dominions, the United States, and other friendly neutrals.

But there is an asset of another kind of which too little is heard—the moral or spiritual asset. We never cease to hear that this is total war, and that total war involves the mobilisation of all resources, of all kinds. Of these morale, and moral influence, are of the first importance. Adolf Hitler himself has never for a moment forgotten this factor making for victory. All who were discontented with the political disorders of democracy, all who desired to be enlisted on the side of arbitrary authority against real or imaginary indiscipline, were regarded as potential recruits to the Nazi cause. Out of such material the Nazi agents, working with Jesuitic zeal, created "Fifth Columnists."

But that is a game that two can play. There are millions of people in Germany who detest the regime. There is an overwhelming majority in the conquered countries who despise their puppet Governments.

And outside Germany and the conquered countries the moral force of the side that stands for liberation will more and more draw sympathy and win moral support leading to as much material support as is compatible with non-belligerence. In the plan of campaign that Britain has to make, not merely to avoid defeat but to crush its enemy, it must use to the utmost this great asset, doubling the value of its equipment by the moral force of those who use it and the demoralisation of those, against whom it is used. In the employment of this weapon it will not need formal allies—it will be enough to have sincere friends.

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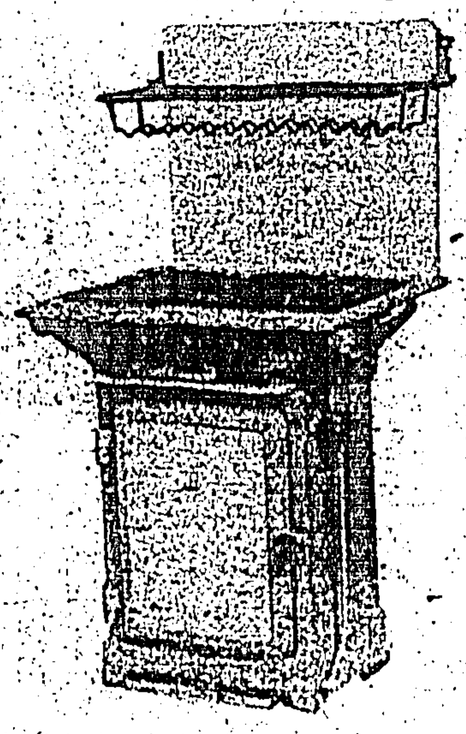

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SCILLIES IN THE FRONT LINE

A year ago the Isles of Scilly were prosperous and peaceful. A few weeks ago they were still peaceful. To-day the inhabitants of England's Atlantic outpost find themselves in the front line of battle, writes a correspondent.

German aircraft have repeatedly bombed and machine-gunned the isles, but with just sufficient irregularity to make the people wake up each morning with the question in their minds, "Will they come again to-day?"

Yet a lavish expenditure of explosives has resulted in astonishingly little damage and practically no casualties.

For two days a haze of smoke has hung in the northern sky. Doubtless this would give rise in Berlin to an exultant belief that the Scilly Islands are ablaze from end to end. The people here know that it is only bracken on an uninhabited island set alight by an incendiary bomb.

On a clear day the raiders, almost skimming the sea, fly low out of the eye of the sun. From these low-lying isles they cannot be seen until they are close in shore. Then they swoop up and dive down again on their mark, machine-gunning as they bomb.

Fired On Fire-Fighters

When there are clouds the Nazis use them as cover for approaching. Part of their tactics was to drop incendiary bombs and then to return a few minutes later and machine-gun through the smoke the men who were beating out the flames.

Since I arrived here some 300 or more of the Isle's 2,000 inhabitants have left for the mainland. Most of these are women and children.

Major A. A. Dorien Smith, who has charge of the local civil defence, makes daily trips from his own isle of Tresco to St. Mary's. His efforts have been seconded by Sir Geoffrey Peto, Civil Defence Commissioner for the South-Western Regions, who paid a flying visit to St. Mary's.

All three fighting services are ready to play their part in the defence of the Isles. They would render an attempted German landing here at least as hazardous as at any point of the British coastline.

Economically there seems justification for the inhabitants of the Scillies stating that the war has hit them harder than any other part of Britain.

Normally, thousands of summer visitors come here, but now there are not a dozen holiday-makers. Only one small hotel remains open.

Coast Watch

The boatmen would be as idle as their craft except that they are now mobilised as coast watchers and air raid wardens. "Last season I took £150," one boatman said to me. "This year all I have made is £7."

The flower growers have suffered hardly less. Bulbs which ought to have been in the ground are still unplanted.

Part of the isles' war sacrifice has been the substitution of potatoes for flowers over a large acreage. One cannot eat narcissi, but they yield £50 to £100 the acre to the farmer, while the patriotic potato is merely worth some £15.

Most of the isles' inhabitants, however, are facing their economic troubles and air raids alike with cheerful stoicism.

"How are you people making ends meet?" I asked a boatman. "We are living on the interest of what we owe," he replied with a laugh.

As for raids the inhabitants are hastily devising shelters which they had previously thought unnecessary. In my hotel guests, proprietor and staff gather in the concrete-roofed kitchen.

So far all the raids have been in daylight. "I do not know why anyone wants to go to the mainland," remarked my hostess after the last visitation. "At least one can get a quiet night's sleep here."

H.K. AID FOR WAR ORPHANS

The Music and Dance Recital in aid of Chinese War Orphans held last week in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel was an outstanding success, both as a concert and as a benefit performance.

The gross takings (including sale of programme and donations) were $4,255.55—a really remarkable result for an audience of 500. Total expenses were $570.20, including construction of stage and printing of programmes.

Thus a net sum of $3,685.35 was raised for the War Orphans' Fund of the China Defence League.

The Concert Committee once more thank the contributing artists—Miss Ai-Lien Tai, Mr. Y. K. Sze, Mr. Walter Yeh, and Mr. J. R. M. Smith and Orchestra—who gave their services voluntarily for this cause. So much interest was taken in the recital that numerous requests have reached the Committee for a repeat performance in a theatre in Hong Kong, and this is under consideration.

BOMBS ON A N.W. TOWN

In the course of a raid on the North-west several bombs were dropped on an old market town and the residential districts surrounding it. Damage was done to property, but no one was killed, and the casualties were not serious. Most of the sufferers after treatment at the main local hospital were allowed to return home.

There is a small industrial fringe to the district, and here a fire was started at a small store. It is said that the fire services were gaining control of the flames when an enemy plane came over the spot and dropped more explosives. Only a part of the establishment was damaged. There are many workingclass houses close by, but these suffered no damage except the shattering of windows.

In proportion to the number of bombs dropped the damage can hardly be called serious. Three streets of cottage houses suffered the most. The fronts of three or four houses were blown out, a number of roofs caved in, and hundreds of windows were smashed. Making a rapid survey of this part of the town one marvelled that so little injury was suffered to life and limb. In most of the houses the people had gone to bed, and were awakened by violent explosions. The houses of a number of people were made untenable, and the tenants were given refuge for the night in a local cinema, to which a mobile canteen was dispatched.

Warden's Escape

Mr. G. Summer, senior warden for one of the streets, had a remarkable escape. He said he was on duty when the first bomb fell. It dropped only a few yards from him, and in his own words, the blast "lifted me in the air and then flung me down. The people on the street," he said, "behaved wonderfully well."

Residents of the district were full of praise for the children who, they said, kept remarkably cool and composed. An old lady of ninety years, Mrs. F. Higson, was in bed when the bombs fell. She was taken to the cinema for shelter, and when urged to try to sleep she replied: "Nay, I had a good sleep before I came here."

Business As Usual

In one street the windows of a row of shops were completely smashed, but next day the fragments had been cleared away, and business was being carried on as usual.

The bombing appears to have been quite casual and undiscriminating. Three craters were made on a golf course. Slight damage was done to a church, and the back door of the adjoining vicarage was blown in. In another part of the area, entirely residential in character, a large house was considerably damaged. Fortunately the occupants were away on holiday. On a privately developed housing estate a few miles away two new houses were rather badly damaged and a third, not yet occupied, was partly demolished.

There is nothing in the district which could be described as a military objective.

MADE HER HOME IN SHELTERS

An 18-year-old girl, stated by the police to have been wandering and sleeping in air-raid shelters, pleaded "Guilty" at Liverpool to stealing from city stores.

Mr. E. H. Sidgreaves, prosecuting, said the girl had been brought up in an orphanage and did not know the names of any relatives.

She had been employed as a barmaid and had run away following some trouble about having men friends.

The girl was placed on probation.

IRONSIDE SAYS MAJOR WAS A NUISANCE

Field-Marshal Sir Edmund Ironside, former Chief of the Imperial General Staff, told the court-martial at the Duke of York's headquarters, Chelsea, that Major A. D. Wintle, M.C., the 1st Royal Dragoons "officer in the Tower," pestered him to go and fight.

"Like many people with guts who want to go and fight, he became a bit of a nuisance," said the field-marshal. The court took only five minutes to find the monocled major Not Guilty of the first and third charges he faced.

These were that he feigned defective sight at a medical board, and that he produced a pistol in the presence of Air Commodore A. R. Boyle, Director of Intelligence at the Air Ministry, and said that certain Ministers, R.A.F., and Army officers ought to be shot.

Findings on the second charge —that Major Wintle assaulted Air Commodore Boyle — will be promulgated.

Field-Marshal Ironside gave evidence after Major Wintle had told the court-martial for nearly three hours his own story of his attempts to leave the British Army, join France's forces, and secure a 'plane from Hendon by a trick to fly to Bordeaux to persuade French officers to get their warplanes to Britain.

Major Wintle told the court-martial that in November 1939, when at the Air Ministry, he visited France to make contact with the French Air Staff. He lunched with General Gamelin and met various French Air Force officers. From the conversations he had he became uneasy about the French Army.

His foremost object was "to go to war with Germany."

In December he carried out a similar mission to that of November. He went to the French Air Force H. Q. and had a long talk with General Mondial.

"That visit increased my anxiety," said Major Wintle, who added that the general asked him to keep in touch with him. The general was immediately under the Chief of Operations of the French Air Force.

Wanted Command

Returning disturbed to Britain, he had an interview with Field-Marshal Sir Edmund Ironside, to whom he reported the result of his meeting with the various French generals and officers.

"I told him," said Major Wintle, "of my anxiety to transfer to the infantry, and mentioned that I was anxious to have a command or to be in second command of an infantry battalion.

"He said that he did not see any reason why I should not be able to do this, but mentioned something to the effect that I would have to fend for myself."

When he was instructed to rejoin his regiment at Edinburgh, Major Wintle said he was very disappointed to find that he was to act as a draft conducting officer.

"I considered myself so insulted by this," he said, "that I felt I should disclose how bad my eye was so that I might be invalided out of the service.

Legion Post

"If I had been invalided out of the Army I should have gone to France where I knew they were prepared to let me got to a battalion or to the Foreign Legion perhaps — at any rate, somewhere where I would have been able to go into action," he said.

Describing his visits to the second board, Major Wintle said that on that occasion he memorised a line with a quick glance and was thus able to read it.

Major Wintle said that on June 13 he met a member of the French Mission in London and discussed with him the situation in France. That Frenchman expressed the opinion that the French might have to evacuate and devastate the whole of France and try to save as much of their armies as they could by taking them over to Morocco.

State Secrets

The President: We shall have to clear the court if he is going to speak of State secrets.

Mr. Casswell: I shall be the last to attempt to bring out anything like State secrets in court.

The President: It is getting very near it just now.

On June 17, when he heard of the appointment of Marshal Petain, he made up his mind that if he could see a high French Air Force officer that day — before anything could possibly be decided — he could influence that officer to do something, and possibly get from him a plan to bring part of the Air Force over here.

Mr. Casswell: Did you appreciate that you were going into grave danger? — I thought there was a reasonable chance of getting shot by the French.

He went on: "I rang up an aerodrome in London and said that I was speaking from the Air Ministry, which was untrue, and gave a direct order in the approved way, with which I was familiar, and did the best I could to get an aeroplane to go to France."

Of the interview with Air Commodore Boyle, the major said he was quite certain that he did not threaten to shoot the other officer.

Should Be Shot

He told Air Commodore Boyle that for years the truth about German rearmament had been suppressed by heedless politicians and that it would be a very good thing if those people could be shot for having done so.

"If it could be proved that any individual were responsible for misleading anybody else — I saw it was being prepared for us systematically for ten years to my knowledge — I should be quite happy to see him shot, but I don't know who the person is."

Field-Marshal Sir Edmund Ironside then gave evidence. He said he met Major Wintle last December through the introduction of Lord Birdwood. Major Wintle reported to him the result of his meetings with various French generals and officers and seemed perturbed about certain things in France.

Mr. Casswell: Did he tell you he was anxious to be attached to the infantry? — Yes.

His chief anxiety appeared to be to get into the firing line?— Yes.

Disappointed

"He was a cavalry officer, and when his regiment went out East one of the officers had to be left behind to look after the depot, which was the usual thing," said Sir Edmund.

"He was left behind. I think he was disappointed. I said: 'What are you doing now?' And he said, 'I want to fight.' I said, 'That will all come. We must all have patience. It is a matter of equipment, and so on.'

Sir Edmund added that Major Wintle told him: "I want to go to the infantry. I am a bit of a Prussian."

He told Major Wintle to have patience, and said he would look through his papers and see what he could do, because these things could not be done in a minute.

"He became a little bit of a nuisance over this," said Sir Edmund, "like many people with guts who want to go and fight. It is not easy to find jobs for people of that rank, and I will put it quite plainly — he became a nuisance because he wanted to go and fight."

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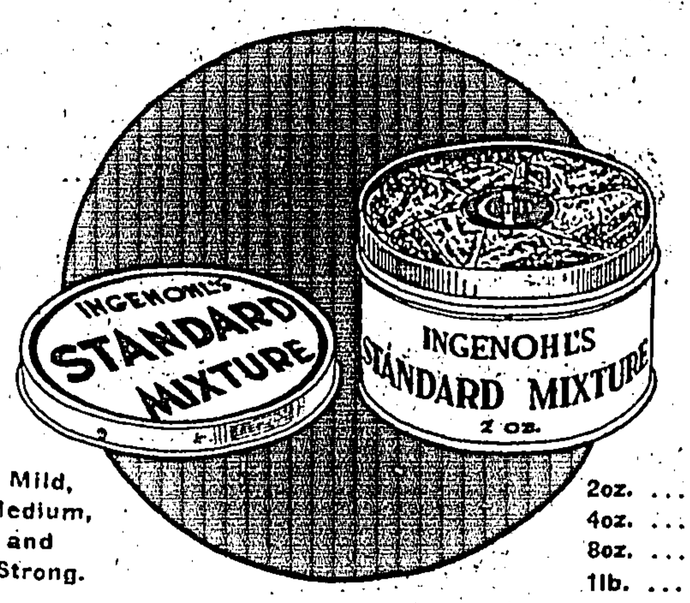

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BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

TRUMP PRESERVATION

When a player has the eight highest trumps between his own hand and the dummy, he is apt to overlook the necessity of conserving his trumps wisely. Just such an oversight led to disaster in the hand below:

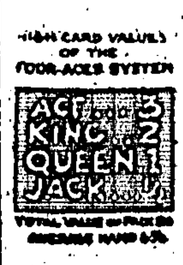
South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

	♠ K 8 7 4 ♡ K J 7 ◇ J 4 ♣ 10 9 6 2	
♠ Q 9 3 ♡ 4 ◇ A K 10 9 5 2 ♣ A 7 3	N W E S	♠ J 10 6 ♡ 6 5 3 2 ◇ Q 8 7 3 ♣ 8 5
	♠ A 5 2 ♡ A Q 10 9 8 ◇ 6 ♣ K Q J 4	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♡	2◇	2♡	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the King of diamonds and continued with the Ace, and South made the fatal error of ruffing the second round. He then drew two rounds of trumps, stopping in dismay when he discovered that East had started the hand with four trumps.



To draw all the trumps woud allow West to run all the diamonds when he got the lead with the club Ace; and even to draw one more trump would surely lead to defeat for a similar reason. South therefore properly abandoned trumps, and led the club King.

West refused the first club and noted with interest his partner's signal with the eight of clubs; South next led the Queen of clubs; and this time West took the trick and led another club to allow his partner to ruff. Eventually South had to lose a spade, going down one trick.

Note that the contract is ice-cold if South discards a spade instead of ruffing the second round of diamonds. Nothing is lost, for the spade must be lost no matter what happens. The great advantage of the discard is that South saves all five of his trumps, while dummy prevents West from leading a third diamond. When South gets the lead, he can then afford to draw four rounds of trumps before attacking the clubs.

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Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstones partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 7 5 4
♡ 9
◇ Q 9 5 3
♣ J 6 4 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♡	Dbl.	(?)	

ANSWER: Pass. Although you do not like a heart contract and would prefer any other suit your partner may have, your hand is too weak for any bid. You must pass and hope that the next player will bid.

Score 100% for pass, 20% for one no-trump.

QUESTION NO. 548

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 4
♡ 9
◇ K 9 5 3
♣ Q 10 4 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♡	Dbl.	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

YAWATA MARU DUE NEXT WEEK

The second of three new liners built by the Nippon Yusen Kaisya for their Suez route from Japan to London, will be seen for the first time in Hong Kong on November 3 and 4.

The "Yawata Maru" has already completed a maiden voyage across the Pacific. The future voyages of this second of the three sister ships, of which the first vessel was the "Nitta Maru," will be on the California/Manila route, plying between Los Angeles and Manila v'a San Francisco, Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The third of these modern triplets, the "Kasuga Maru," was launched a month ago at the Mitsubishi Ship Yards at Nagasaki, and will enter service in April, 1942.

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LETTERS FROM 'DEAD' SON

Officially reported to have been "killed in action" in May, Guardsman G. Brodie has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Brodie, of Escourt Road, Lidgett Green, Bradford. He states that he is safe but wounded at a prison camp in Germany.

His fiancee, Miss Atkinson, of Harrogate, has also received a letter from him.

Guardsman Brodie rejoined the Grenadiers last December. He was then a constable in the West Riding Police at Oaklands, Harrogate.

MANY NATIONS IN LONDON

Three times a week the Dutch Cabinet meets in London under the presidency of the Prime Minister, Jonkheer Doctor de Geer. On lower floors of the building less earnest men meet. For here are the French night club, the Suivi, and the Coq d'Or restaurant.

Across the road King Zog and Queen Geraldine are awaiting the day they can go back to Albania. Just around the corner Belgian Parliamentarians are straightening out the difficulties of their refugees.

Half a mile away the Czechs have their headquarters in the offices of Mr. "Bill" Brown's Civil Service union, and near them are the Dutch Military Mission, who have headquarters above a gown shop.

Bitter Cup

More than a hundred people are working in Stratton House, the Dutch Government headquarters. It is a Hague in miniature.

After four months of English life the staff have settled down to await the Day. The Dutch rival the English in the consumption of tea, and tea has been cause of our guests' complaint.

The day after the Dutch Government had concluded a deal with the British Government for 40 million pounds of Java tea the Stratton House staff found there had been a rationing of their office allocation. A settlement was reached without diplomatic representations.

MEDAL GETS ITS MAN!

Lester K. Layton Former City Councilman in Serra Madre, Calif., has been decorated for bravery for the last 20 years and didn't know it.

For two decades a coveted Navy Cross has traveled for thousands of miles through the mails or rested in a pigeonhole in Washington marked "unclaimed."

The award finally caught up with Mr. Layton, informing him that he won the blue and silver emblem for cool and effective work in caring for wounded under heavy fire, in the open and without adequate shelter while serving with the United States Marines in France on July 19, 1918.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.

"Don't cry, Darling—I'm CRAZY about rice!"

PERFUME BLOCKED BY WAR

Blame the war, if Milady cuts down on perfume.

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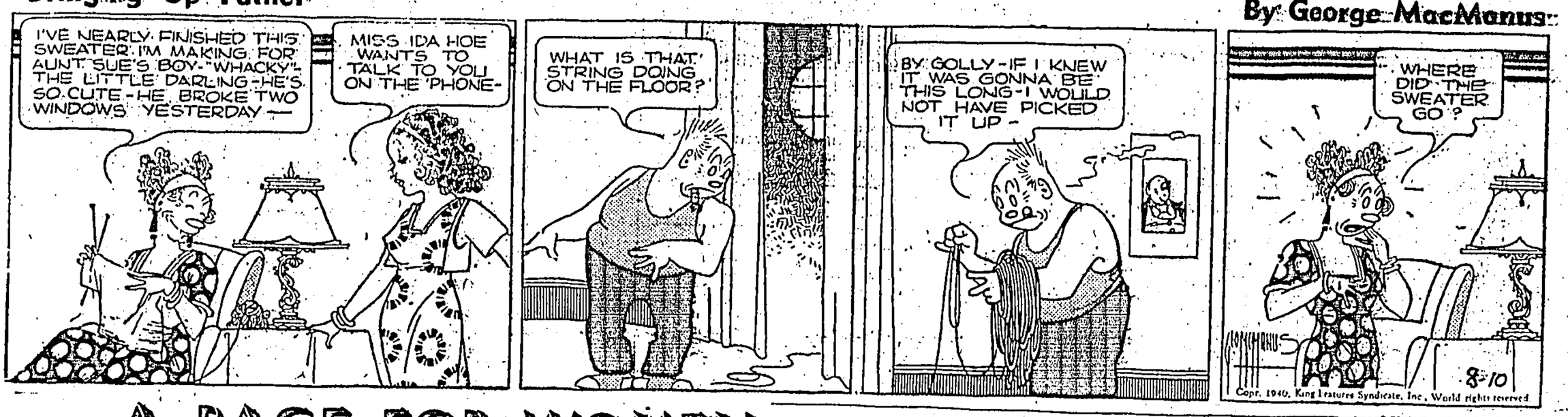


A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Finger-Tip Glamour

You'll probably get a shock, as I did, when your manicurist shows you the new luminous polishes for daytime wear! Delirate star-dipped pinks, deep rich reds with the sparkle of sequins such as a circus rider wears.

It seems as if the vogue started in Paris as part of the luminous make-up rage inspired by the war black-outs. They've been worn for evening by ultra-chic women in America, but now you will see them worn during the daylight hours too!

Range Of Shades

These polishes are far more opaque than they used to be and smooth-flowing. One coat is all you need to cover the little line where your finger ends and the nail continues.

There is a pale rose, recommended for its fragile, feminine appeal for it makes the hand look delicate. It has a mother-of-pearl overtone, and it will be lovely with summer pastels, frivolous garden hats and frocks.

The two deeper shades are, frankly, more bold and more glamorous. Either one will put you in a daring mood and they look very smart with simply cut street clothes and splashy print evening gowns. They are definitely for the sophisticated for their sequin-like sparkle is anything but demurel.

You will have fun wearing these, but don't try them out on your boss. They are not for office wear!

HAND SPARKLE FOR SPRING!

Sequins on your daytime jewellry and on your fingertips—that's the news for spring hands. Luminescent polishes make their bow—as glittering as the Circus Queen's sequins!

Other Hand Notes

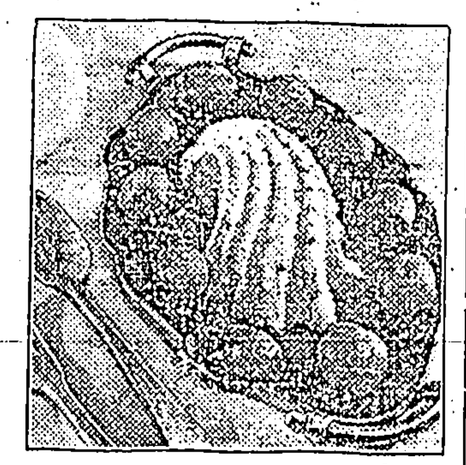
Do you know that clippers are ever so much better to use for hang nails than the old-fashioned cuticle scissors? The trick lies in learning to use them lightly and by all means you should buy a good pair to begin with. The clippers should be true, and only the lightest of touches is sufficient to nip off any calloused corners or hangnails. If you manicure your nails weekly, and take care to massage the cuticle with oil between manicures, hangnails will not appear. Do not clip the corners of your nails—the nail needs that support to grow strong

About Creams

During the past two years several very efficacious hand lotions and creams have made their debuts. Surely one of these has the perfect consistency for the skin on your hands. Keep a jar or bottle in your desk drawer (if you work), or on the kitchen shelf (if you are a housewife) and certainly in your bathroom or on your dressing table. Then you will be reminded to anoint your hands with the skin preservative and brisk weather or no, your hands will be delightfully smooth and young looking. You also keep the nail cuticle ruly when you massage your hands habitually after you wash them and before hopping into bed.

A MOLDED SALAD is a handy-Andy for many occasions

says Dorothy Greig



OF all the salad family, chilled molded salads are among the most accommodating. For instance, take this one: Turned out of a fancy mold and garnished with whole spiced peaches it sheds glory over a bridge luncheon table or looks handsome on a buffet supper table.

Molded in a loaf pan or plain bowl and sliced down; it's a treat for the family some Sunday night. Or again, for fun, it can be pressed into small molds (I use my muffin pan) and turned out on watercress as individual salads.

And its flavor! A deep, rich chicken flavor compounded from the chopped chicken and condensed chicken soup in it. Everybody likes chicken and so everybody will enjoy this chicken salad:

Molded Chicken and Vegetable Salad

1 can condensed chicken soup
1 egg, separated
2 teaspoons gelatine (softened in 3 tablespoons water)
½ cup chicken
¼ cup whipping cream
1 tablespoon lemon juice
½ cup cooked carrots, diced
½ cup cooked green peas
½ cup cooked celery, diced

Sprinkle the two teaspoons of gelatine on the cold water and let it soften. Strain the chicken soup and heat it in the upper part of the double boiler. Grind the ¾ cup of chicken, together with the rice, chicken and celery from the soup, in the food chopper, using the small blade. Then beat the egg yolk and add the hot soup to it. Cook it 3-4 minutes in the double boiler. Pour this hot mixture over the softened gelatine and stir until gelatine has dissolved. Cool, and when mixture begins to thicken, add the chopped chicken mixture, then gently fold in beaten egg white, whipped cream, lemon juice, diced cooked carrots, cooked green peas and diced celery. Pour into mold and set in the refrigerator until firm. Turn out on lettuce leaves and garnish with tomato slices, sprigs of watercress, or whole spiced peaches. Makes 5-6 portions.

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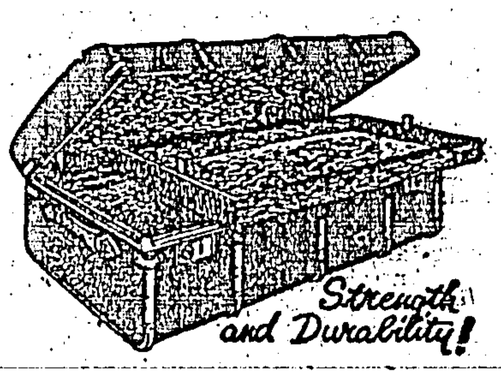

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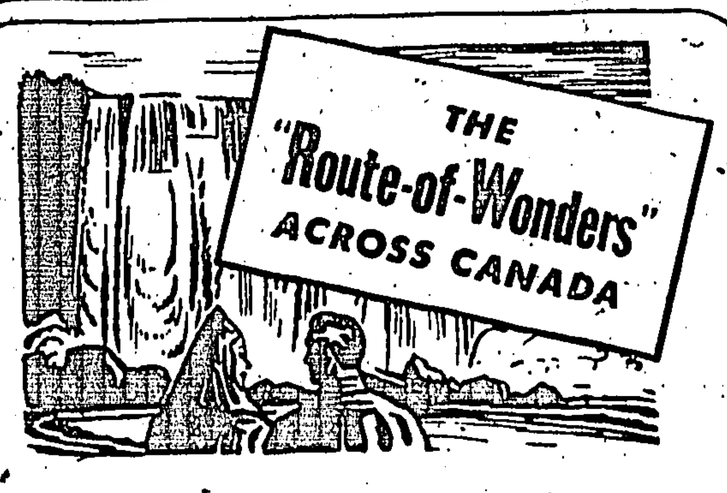

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
1.03 p.m.—Jay Wilbur & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan.
6.00 p.m.—Brahms—Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 15. Artur Schnabel (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Georg Szell.
6.49 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.52 p.m.—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 p.m.—Spanish Programme.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
8.48 p.m.—Piano Duets by Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye.
Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 19—Intro: Undecided; F. D. R. Jones; The Lady's in love with you; That Sly old Gentleman; Sing a Song of Sunbeams; A blue canoe for two.
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PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Dress For Tuesday 29th Oct.

S. D. Cap, jacket, trousers, boots, web belt, haversack, waterbottle (filled), steel helmet, respirator. Cardigans, overalls and gun platform shoes to be brought: also greatcoat.

ii. Lecture

Sun. 3rd Nov. H.Q. 9.30 a.m. By Major Ryan, R.A. Subject—"The Theory of Depression Range Finding". All Officers and D.R.F. Detachments will attend and any others interested.

iii. 1st Battery

Tues. 29th Oct. H. Q. 5 p.m. for D'Aguilar. Those detailed.

Thurs. 31st Oct. H.Q. 8 a.m. for D'Aguilar. D.E.L. Section will not parade.

iv. 2nd Battery

Tues. 29th Oct. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. for Bluff Head. All members must parade at H.Q.

Thurs. 31st Oct. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Gun drill, breech mechanism laying practice and dummy loader. Dress—Mufti. Overalls and S. D. caps to be carried.

Sun. 10th Nov. Kowloon City Rifle Range. 9 a.m. Classification for all members who have fired on open range and for 30 yard range before.

v. 3rd Battery

Tues. 29th Oct. H. Q. 4.30 p.m. for Aberdeen. Those detailed.

Thurs. 31st Oct. H.Q. 8 a.m. for Aberdeen. D. E. L. Section will not parade.

vi. 4th Battery

Tues. 29th Oct. H.Q. for Pak Sha Wan 4 p.m.

Thurs. 31st Oct. D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. recruits.

vii. 5th A.A. Battery.

Tues. 29th Oct. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Battery Manning. Dress—S. D. cap, shirt, trousers, boots, steel helmet over left shoulder, haversack (with shoulder strap) containing jersey, knife, fork, spoon and mess tin.

Thurs. 31st Oct. Battery Manning. Fall in and dress as previous Tuesday.

Sunday, 3rd Nov. K. Railway Stn. 8 a.m. No. 2 Sec. Rifle Classification. Dress—S.D. cap, shirt, boots, and putties, full web equipment less haversack and water bottle, Rifle slings to be carried.

(b) FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS

Mon. 28th Oct. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Arms & Squad Drill. Officers & Senior N.C.O.'s. will attend a T.E.W.T.

Thurs. 31st Oct. K.C.R. 8.30 a.m. Kit Inspection. All clothing must be brought on parade. 9 a.m. Technical training by Sections. Dress—Uniform.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Sun. 27th Oct. H. Q. 10 a.m. Field Map Reading for those detailed.

Mon. 28th Oct. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. (i) A Group—Lamp Reading from Peak. (ii) B Group—Buzzer Reading and practice.

Wed. 30th Oct. H. Q. 2 p.m. (i) A Group—Field Signalling Exercise. (ii) B Group—Signal Training. (iii) Evening parade—Line Section, Arms & Squad Drill. D/R. Sec. Semap. reading.

Fri. 1st Nov. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) A Group-Procedure Lecture & Buzzer Instruction. (ii) B Group-Group Lamp Reading and Flag work. (iii) Evening Parade. A Group, Lamp Reading from Peak. B Group, Buzzer Instruction. D/R. Sec., Map Reading Class.

(a) MOBILE COLUMN

i. Monday 28.10.40.

No. 6 Platoon. H.K. 5.30 p.m. Anti-Gas training. Those detailed.

ii. Wed. 30.10.40.

All Platoons. Hung Hom. 8 a.m. Technical Training. Dress—Nos. 1 & 2 (Armd. C.) Pls. Battle Order. Overalls. Remainder-Battle Order less Steel helmet, topees will be worn.

Nos. 1 & 2 (Armd. C.) Pls. Vehicle Party as detailed. Hung Hom 7.15 a.m.

Nos. 3. 4 & 5 (M.M.G.) Pls. Duties—Ord. Sgt.—Cpl. Collings, R.K. Parade at Hung Hom at 7.30 a.m.

Ord. Cpl.—Cpl. Groome, E. L. Parade at Hung Hom at 7.30 a.m.

Duty Sec. — No. 2. Parade at 7.30 a.m.

iii. Fri. 1.11.40.

Nos. 1 & 2 (Armd. C.) Pls. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed—L. G. instruction. Remainder—Indication & Recognition.

Nos. 3, 4 & 5 (M.M.G.) Pl. Those detailed for Bren Carrier driving instruction. Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. Remainder. H.Q. 5.30 Rifle drill.

No. 6 Platoon. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. Training.

iv. Transfers.

Pte. C. G. Stewart, Pte. H. J. Woolley, Pte. C. Champelovier, Pte. H. L. Fox. to Mobile Column H.Q.

(e) No. 1 Company

Mon. 28th Oct. Kowloon Station. 8 a.m. All day parade at Fanling. Topees will be worn, unless wet.

Tues. 29th Oct. No parade.

Thur. 31st Oct. Those detailed. Corps Gas Lecture.

Fri. 1st Nov. Those detailed—First Aid Lecture. L.G. Section.—L.G. Training. Remainder—Signals and Hand Angles.

(f) No. 2 Company

Sun. 27th Oct. Kowloon Range. 9 a.m. Musketry Tables A & B. Dress—Mufti. Web equipment worn. Rifles may be drawn on Sat. morning but must be returned without fail by Monday evening.

Tues. 29th Oct. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction.

Wed. 30th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon. Training under Platoon arrangements.

Fri. 1st Nov. Field day—details per Company Circular.

(g) No. 3 Company

Mon. 28th Oct. H.Q. 8.15 a.m. Company parade. Dress as before; Nos. 11 and 12 Platoons, rifle slings and frogs. All day training.

Tues. 29th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All first Year Men and those detailed.

Wed. 30th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s training class.

Thurs. 31st Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Training as in Company training programme.

Fri. 1st Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

(h) No. 4 Company

Mon. 28th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Classes 1 and 2. Bayonet fighting. (ii) Remainder. L.G.

Wed. 30th Oct. All day training. (i) 14 and 15 Pls. H.K. men. H.Q. 7.30 a.m. Kowloon men. K.C.R. Station. 8 a.m. (ii) 13 Pl. H.Q. 8.15 a.m. Dress for all. Battle Order. S.D. cap will be worn.

Fri. 1st Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Classes 1 and 2. Lecture. Remainder. L.G. instruction.

(i) No. 5 Company

Sun. 27th Oct. Stonecutters. L.G. Classification. L.G. Sections. For particulars re Dress &c see No. 6 Coy.'s Orders.

Mon. 28th Oct. H.Q. 8 a.m. All ranks except Nos. 1 and 2 will draw rifles and bayonets. Dress—Same as before. Note—S.D. caps will be worn as from to-day.

Tues. 29th Oct. No parade.

Thurs. 31st Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class. Lecture. Message writing.

(j) No. 6 Company

Sun. 27th Oct. Stonecutters. L.G. Classification. Launch will leave Queen's Pier 8.15 a.m. Kowloon Police Pier 8.30 a.m. Dress—Shirt sleeves, slacks, S.D. caps and webbing equipment. Range Officer—2/Lt. E. L. Cunha.

Mon. 28th Oct. H.Q. 8 a.m. Those detailed will report to O.C. No. 5 Company. Dress &c—See No. 5 Coy.'s Orders.

Tues. 29th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class. Those detailed will attend lecture on Gas Course. All other N.C.Os. will attend lecture on Indication and Recognition of targets and Fire Orders.

Thurs. 31st Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.Os. detailed will attend Gas Course Class.

Fri. 1st Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. Dress—Same as before. (Exercise at Recreio Football Ground). Those detailed will attend First Aid Course at H.Q. 5.45 p.m.

(k) No. 7 Company

Mon. 28th Oct. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. Nos. 1 and 2. Revolver instruction. Company L.G. I.A.

Fri. 1st Nov. H.Q. 8 a.m. Full day training. Dress—Fighting Order. Steel helmet.

(l) Army Service Corps Company

Sun. 27th Oct.-Sat. 2nd Nov. included. Transport and Supplies Sections for duty as detailed under unit arrangements. Section training programmes to C.S.M. Duty Officer for week—Capt. Miskin.

Sun. 27th Oct. Murray Parade Ground. 8 a.m. Transport Section. Ammunition Supply Exercise. Full day's training. Dress—As ordered in Corps Orders dated 18.10.40. Duty Officer—Captain Potts.

Thurs. 31st Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Drill. Those detailed under R.S.M. Remainder under C.S.M. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap, brown or black shoes.

(m) Field Ambulance

Mon. 28th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Officers and all ranks will parade in mufti. At this parade personnel will be assigned to the forthcoming camps, and will be allowed alternative dates. Anyone not on parade will have their dates fixed without any alternative.

Tues. 29th Oct. H.Q. 9 a.m. Right Section under Lt. Stout.

Wed. 30th Oct. H.Q. 9 a.m. Centre Section under Lt. Rodrigues.

Thurs. 31st Oct. H.Q. 9 a.m. Left Section under Lt. Balean.

(n) Pay Section

Wed. 30th Oct. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Dress—Mufti.

Fri. 1st Nov. Garrison School. 2.15 p.m. Dress—Uniform as detailed.

(o) Fortress Signal Company

Mon. 28th Oct. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. Lesson XIII.

Tues. 29th Oct. Duddell Street. 2.30 p.m. Manning exercise as detailed by C.S.M.

Thurs. 31st Oct. Duddell Street. 2.30 p.m. Manning exercise as detailed by C.S.M.

Fri. 1st Nov. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Recapitulation, L.G.

APPOINTMENTS

Pte. P. A. Yvanovich to be L/Cpl.
Pte. C. A. Marques to be L/Cpl.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Pte. H. A. Waller, A.S.C. Coy.
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Pte. T. G. C. Knight. No. 1 Coy.
Sgt. D. Walker, Fd. Amb.
Pte. C. T. Mok, No. 4 Coy.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

Pte. B. P. Clark, No. 2 Coy.
Gnr. N. H. Mackenzie, 1st Bty.
Gnr. K. Wilkens, 1st Bty.
Gnr. T. Y. So, 4th Bty.
Pte. H. Halsall, Mob. Coln.
Gnr. C. Arnulphy, 2nd Bty.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE

Rifle Club.—There will be a H.K.R.A. Spoon Shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday, November 3rd, 1940 commencing 8.30 a.m. The H.K.V.D.C. Rifle Club is arranging the programme and presenting the prizes. Entrance fees as for usual H.K.R.A. shoots.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting.—There will be a General Mess Meeting of the Sergeants' Mess at Corps H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6th.

Rowing.—An Inter-Unit rowing race will be held on 21st December at the Yacht Club.

Units may enter any number of crews of four.

Entry fee $5 per crew, to be sent with entries to the Hon. Secretary Rowing Committee c/o Vol. H.Q.

All entry fees will be forwarded to the Bomber Fund.

AFFILIATED UNIT. NURSING DETACHMENT, H.K.V.D.C.

Lecture.—There will be no lectures until further notice.

Strength-decrease. — Mrs. M. Petri.

Leave.—Miss V. M. Witchell.

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NINE LEAGUE SOFTBALL GAMES FOR TO-MORROW

St. Joseph's Match With The Chinese Baseballers Should Be Good

Reversion To Old Strike-Out Rule

By "Grandstand"

NINE TILTS ARE slated for to-morrow, three games in each of the Senior, Junior and Ladies' Divisions. On account of Volunteer training, both of the inter-hong games have been cancelled.

In the opener, at 9.30 a.m., the Wahoos will clash with "Doc" Molthen's Cardinals and should have a push-over. Although two weekly practices have been set for the Cardinals, Dave "I Hope So" Walker is finding difficulty in getting a good turnout, the team being still in the tryout stages.

The Wahoos will start with their only battery of Jeannette Yolle and Jackie Anderson, with their infield combination of Yvonne Yolle, Doreen To, Irene Castilho, and Ida Castro.

Outfielders will be chosen from Beebun Abbas, Socoro Castro, Pat Pasco, Liza Anderson, and "Coco" Yolle.

Portuguese Girls Favoured

At 11 a.m. the Chung Hwa Femmes will tangle with the Ramblerettes, which should result in the Portuguese squad chalking up their first victory, as I can by no stretch of imagination visualise the Chung Hwa rookies taking the Ramblerettes.

At 12.30 the Canuckettes are likely to register their second win of the season at the expense of the Little Flowers, who suffered a monumental shellacking at the hands of the Panther Kittins last Sabbath. The last time I saw Coach Johnnie Fonseca around, I thought I noticed grey streaks in his hair; maybe I'm wrong. Anyway the Florinhas have determination, so let's give them a hand.

Men's Games

The Canadian Chinese will cross bats with the Cyclones at 2 p.m., and unless hurler Herbie Quon gets his soup-bone in shape it looks like they'll be downed again. The Canucks will probably appoint Johnnie Delgado for catching duties, and field G. G. Lee at the hot-corner, whilst Luke Bunn will be a cinch for the short-shop gap. Slugger Ross Mark, who collected two safeties in as many trips to the plate last week, is the only logical first-sacker, whilst Y. Lee will hold the mid-way station. Ball hawks will be chosen from Ing, Lau, Wong, S. Bunn, and George Chow.

The Cyclones will start Pinky Pineda on the hillock with Skelly Razack at the receiving end, and just in case they catch on to Pinky's tempo, they have Sherry Bux, who would otherwise be holding third sack, in reserve. A. Rumjahn and Barney Abbas will be the keystone combination.

Immediately after this tilt, the Indian Softballers will meet the Filipinos in a game which does not promise any interest, except that the Indians will be seen in action for the first time in the League. In spite of the Filipino battery of Amper and Bob Laurel, the Indians should have things pretty well their own way.

Best Game

The most interesting tussle of the schedule will be the night-cap at Chatham Road, where the Saints will take on the Chinese Baseballers in a needle game.

On paper, the Chinese Baseballers look pretty good, and this will be the Saints' first real test. By virtue of their hitting power, the Saints are tipped to win this encounter, although the decision should be a close one. Mentor "Choppy" Omar will start Frankie "Bashful" Gonsalves on the mound with Hal Winglee at the receiving end. In their last encounter, Frankie nearly blew up, when the Hong Kong Baseballers collected four blows off him in the sixth; but then, it must be remembered, he had to toss them in to the League's heaviest hitters.

With seven diamond aces behind him, Frankie can well afford to let them hit. Playing the bags in one, two, three order will be Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, "Ozo" Ozorio, Bambino Dave Leonard, with George "Strawberry" Souza plugging up the short-shop gap. Fly Chasers will be the usual trio of Henry "Showboat" Ali, Jindoo "Muscle Bound" Hussain and Powlawski.

King's Park Games

At King's Park, the Recreio Bees will meet the Cosmos at 10 a.m. and the odds are in favour of the Bees.

It is learned that hurler George Guterres is being coached by none other than Johnnie Alvares, first string pitcher of the Aces, who should know his business.

Guterres has not been as good as hoped for during his recent turnouts, but is expected to deliver the goods this week. Mike Mendonca will be receiving for him.

The Liga-V.R.C. clash should be a close affair. The Victorians cannot afford to lose another, if they want to finish on top of the League, and it is learned that "Kelly" Silva-Netto will be on the mound for them.

In the night-cap, 8th Battery, R.A., will meet the Royal Scots.

At an Association meeting held during the week, it was decided to revert to the old rule whereby the batter is automatically out even if the third strike is dropped.

Season tickets for admission to the Kowloon Football Club ground, where the senior and ladies' games will be played, will be issued at $3 each, whilst league players will have to carry passes from the Association at 50 cents each, for admission to games in which they are not playing.

The question of appointing competent umpires will also have the attention of the Association. This has always been a sore point and the League is faced with a difficult problem in view of the large number of games to be played off every week.

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

Following is the Softball programme for to-morrow:

GIRLS

Cardinals v Wahoos
(9.30 a.m.).
Umpires:—Beltrao, Figueirdo and Lau.

Chung Hwa v Ramblerettes
(11 a.m.).
Umpires:—Winglee, Quon and Walker.

Canuckettes v Little Flowers
(12.30 p.m.).
Umpires:—Molthen, Marques and S. S. Chung.

MEN'S

First Division

Canucks v Cyclones
(2.00 p.m.).
Umpires:—Alvares, Campos and Marques.

Filipinos v Indians
(3.15 p.m.).
Umpires:—Quon, Delgado and A. M. Omar.

Chinese Baseball Club v St. Joseph's
(4.30 p.m.).
Umpires:—Molthen, Campos and C. Marques.

Second Division

Liga v V.R.C.
(2.00 p.m.).
Umpires:—Not arranged yet.

Cosmopolitan v Recreio Bees
(10.00 a.m.).
Umpires:—Young, Welford and Yum.

Royal Artillery v Royal Scots
(4.30 p.m.).
Umpires: — C. Silva-Netto, Maxwell and E. Souza.

K.C.C. TO MEET CLUB AT KOWLOON TO-DAY

By "Adrem"

"THE CRICKET PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY LOOKS FAR FROM INTERESTING, ALTHOUGH WERE THE TEAMS AT FULL STRENGTH BOTH THE K.C.C.-H.K.C.C. AND C.S.C.C.-I.R.C. MATCHES WOULD PROBABLY BE PRETTY KEEN.

K.C.C., who are entertaining their old rivals, will be without their skipper, Teddy Fincher, this afternoon—he has not yet finished with that manly game of lawn bowls—and I hear that there is a possibility of several other players, whose names are published below, not turning out.

Club on the other hand have selected a very formidable side which includes their Army members, among whom, of course, is now 2/Lt. Pearce, who, I notice, is captaining the side. Grose, who made a hundred against K.C.C. on Sunday, is also playing as is newcomer R. G. K. Thompson, who comes from Malaya and who has already made something of a mark as a hockey player. Another new name to the Club side is J. C. C. Matthews, of whose cricketing ability nothing is known.

The Club side is undoubtedly the better balanced of the two but K.C.C. rarely fail to make some sort of a show with the bat on their own ground and so I think a draw is the most likely result especially as it now gets dark so early.

I have not seen either the Civil Service or the Indian Recreation Club sides for to-day but unless the latter turn out something rather better than they did last week against Army, I'm afraid they are in for a trouncing, notwithstanding the fact the Civil Service were also well beaten up by Recreio.

Too Bad To Be True

My view of that match is that the form of the C.S.C.C. team was much too bad to be true and it must also be remembered that it was their first match of the season, and so I think that on this occasion, Perry, Richardson, Baker and Co., will be able to redeem themselves somewhat as I.R.C. are still likely to be weak—the Feast of Ramadan still being in progress.

In other matches D. B. S. are entertaining Craigengower and are capable of winning; Cricket Club juniors are playing Police and University will travel to King's Park to meet Recreio seniors, neither of the last two named teams having been sent in, I cannot comment on prospects.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:—

SENIOR

K.C.C.	v.	H.K.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	v.	I.R.C.
D.B.S.	v.	C.C.C.
Recreio	v.	University

JUNIOR

H.K.C.C.	v.	P.R.C.

TEAMS

P.R.C.: — A. E. Carey, W. L. Clarke, C. Pope, J. Lewis, H. Danbrowsky, A. Kirkby, J. Shepherd, J. Aitken, A. Estall, E. G. Post and H. Tyler.

K.C.C. 1st XI.:—N. D. Lloyd (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, A. Zimmern, F. R. Zimmern, W. L. Rapley, D. Hung, F. J. Lay, B. D. Lay, R. T. Broadbridge and A. N. Other.

H.K.C.C. 1st — Lt. T. A. Pearce (Capt.), Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt. Comdr. W. G. Finnie R.N., J. H. Fox, Major D. C. E. Grose, H. Owen-Hughes, J. L. Ilsley, T. G. C. Knight, J. C. C. Matthews, J. L. C. Pearce, R. G. K. Thompson.

2nd. XI.:—R. S. W. Patterson (Capt.) C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, C. E. Gahagan, R. M. M. King, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brig. T. MacLeod, D. O. Parsons, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker and I. P. Tamworth.

I.R.C.:—A. H. Ismail (Capt.), A. el Arculli, O. el Arculli, T. Hamet, A. Rahmin, M. A. Wahab, A. Ebrahim, J. M. A. Ramjahn, F. A. Curreem, M. I. Razack and O. Talip. Scorer—S. E. Bux.

LAWN BOWLS

INTERNATIONAL SHIELD MATCHES TO-DAY

By "Skip"

China, Malaya and Portugal having been eliminated last Sunday, the second round of the Gutierrez International Shield competition takes place to-day. The games are to be played at Craigengower Cricket Club commencing at 3 o'clock, not 3.30 as was originally intended.

Following is the draw:

England	v	**Wales**
Ireland	v	**Switzerland**
Scotland	v	**India**
Philippines	v	**Australia**

And here are the teams:

England:—G. Perkins, W. J. Bagley, G. H. Sherriff and A. Hall (skip); **Wales:**—R. R. Davies, R. M. Ogden, J. E. Henson and P. Younghusband (skip); **Ireland:**—C. Dowman, A. Wright, H. Lockhart and W. V. Field (skip); **Switzerland:**—L. Gaddi, W. Naef, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosselet (skip); **Scotland:**—W. McLeod, R. Morrison, J. C. Chalmers and R. Duncan (skip); **India:** — A. H. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn, K. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (skip); **Philippines:**—H. A. Castro, A. E. H. Castro, V. N. Atienza and R. Basa (skip); **Australia:**—N. A. E. Mackay, W. K. Way, A. J. Kew and E. C. Fincher (skip).

Switzerland are the holders and if Walter Naef has fully recovered from his accident they have a fair chance of entering the semi-finals which are to be played at Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow. But somehow I have an idea that the Irishmen may win; I do not know if Gaddi is out of practice or not but I notice he has not played in the League this season. The third man and skip of the Switzerland team should prove stronger than their opponents but I am not a little dubious about the other two, where Dowman and Wright should have the pull.

England had over 20 players to select from and Wales only five so the odds ought to be on the former, whom I feel confident must win. I was surprised to see Bagley included in the team—and I rather think he would be too—but he will not let the rink down although he is admittedly playing out of position as second man.

Similarly, Perkins, as lead, is playing in what is for him an unusual position, but as his strong point is drawing to the jack rather than playing heavy shots, I do not think that weakens the team at all.

Sherriff and Hall are both good bowlers and have played consistently throughout the season which makes me think the team should qualify for the semi-final. The Welsh Team does not look up to the necessary strength.

Scotland v India Should Be Best Game

The game between the Philippines and Australia should be more even and it is with a good deal of doubt in my mind that I tip Australia to win.

But the best game of the lot should be between Scotland and India. The Scottish team is very strong all through and, judging by the form of the Indians last Sunday, should be able to win.

In McLeod they have a lead who, if he plays his usual game, should more than hold Rumjahn, whilst Bob Morrison, though he normally skips, will probably do equally well as second man. Jimmy Chalmers never plays a bad game and very often a very good one and in spite of the fact that the Omars are on their home green, I think that he and Bob Duncan will not be found wanting.

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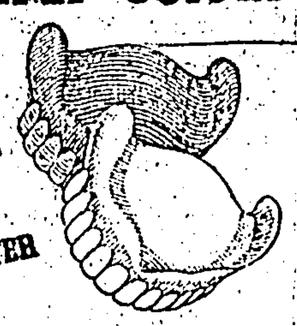

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NEW CHAMPION HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE FIELD

"Tony" Ricketts Retains China Title For Fourth Year

Grim Struggle For Third Place

Breaking one over par on Sunday morning in the final day's play of the Amateur Open Golf Championship of China over the Hungjao course, "Tony" Ricketts retained the trophy for the fourth consecutive year, sealing the issue by seven strokes over his closest rivals which—added to the lead of eight secured over the Seekingjao links the previous day—gave him almost a stroke for each hole for the afternoon session, says the "North China Daily News." The champion stood head and shoulders over the field. His putting showed marked improvement and bordered on the superb. Thirty-foot putts were sunk with amazing accuracy.

An outstanding characteristic of his play was his readiness to play the possible and—unlike the rest—never attempted the impossible. He was never ruffled. No matter how the fates had it stacked against him, he would simply pull out of a difficult lie onto the fairway and let his approaches do the rest. In this he was deadly.

His opponent, C. O. Cumming, proved a worthy pace-maker when the champion was in difficulties.

After a bad start in the morning, which, incidentally, was duplicated in the afternoon's play, Ricketts rallied after the fourth hole, although his partner had the honour at each hole until the seventh. From then onwards Ricketts was set.

Wonderful Recovery At 8th

At the 8th hole the champion hooked a drive into the trees. He recovered with a neat flick onto the fairway, followed by an iron dead on the green about thirty feet from the peg. Cumming, on the other hand, topped his second for a lucky bounce to the green leaving him with an "eagle" which he muffled to secure a birdie. This seemed to act as a spur to the champion, who, on sizing the situation and the lie, halved the hole by sinking the 30-footer.

Interest after the tiffin interval centred on the fight for third place as "Lew" Carson's consistency has the runner-up position bagged. A bad 80 in the morning, followed by a 75, gave Davis a score of 315 for the competition, which Huggett managed to tie by returning a brilliant card of 71 in the afternoon, under conditions far from ideal, as the drizzle was pretty heavy for the players on the homeward turn.

In the resulting play-off for third place over five holes, the Stanford ace had the game in hand after the fourth, when he was two up on his opponent. A drive out of bounds levelled the scores with a possibility of an extra hole in sight. Huggett sent his third approach back of the green. Davis then landed his fourth in the bunker from which he made a wonderful recovery which he capped with a sixteen-foot putt to nose out his rival.

Scores Rocket In Afternoon

On the whole, the day's play was far below championship standard. Scores skyrocketed in the afternoon to such an extent that it seemed to be a tussle for the highest score round.

Very few changes were noticed after the morning's play. Dickson's 77 placed him fifth at the interval, but he was unable to keep up the pace. Huggett's 71 was a smart pick-up which placed him in the money. Dwyer held his own but showed nothing like the form he has displayed in the past. Pettitt's collapse was disastrous, as it sent him down the ladder quite a distance. Malvar, the Filipino "crack," who would make the crowd look pretty seedy on the Race Course links, was decidedly off and, in this, he was accompanied by his rival, Meschevsky, whose putting was most pathetic.

Glass made a wonderful pick-up in the afternoon when he returned a nifty 73 to shoot him up the list to 8th place. Maclennan is really a classy player but somehow failed to find his true form and, as a result, he kept "Harry" Grubb company in the cellar position. "Jimmy" Grubb could do no better than maintain the average he had set himself and thus held down the tenth position on the final standing. Sapheire knocked fifteen strokes off his Seeking-ao score to be in the money. Terrace, like Jimmy Grubb, was off and was fortunate in being able to get within the first ten.

Club Captain's Speech

At the conclusion of the day's sport the members assembled in the Club house where the presentation of prizes took place. In the absence of Mr. A. F. George, C.M.G., H.B.M. Consul-General, Mrs. Keswick did the honours. In a neat little speech Mr. F. S. Gibbings, the Captain of the Hungjao Golf Club, congratulated the players

and stressed the fact that this was Ricketts' fourth consecutive win out of five attempts, adding that the series of wins was getting monotonous. Mention was also made of Carson's brilliant performance.

Special Prize For Winner

Before closing he called on Ricketts to receive a special prize subscribed for by his fellow-players. This took the form of a secondhand bag of left-handed clubs, neatly decorated with Club's choice vegetable products, and stated that the prize was given in the hope the champion would use the clubs in next year's championship.

Mrs. Keswick was presented with a souvenir and a basket of flowers, after which the Captain called for three cheers bringing a very enjoyable tournament to a fitting conclusion.

THE SCORES

	1st Day	Sunday a.m.	Sunday p.m.	Sunday Ttl.	Grand Ttl.
A. Ricketts	151	70	74	144	295
L. D. Carson ...	159	77	75	152	311
A. B. Davis	160	80	75	155	315*
W. H. C. Huggett	162	82	71	153	315*
R. T. Dwyer	162	80	78	158	320
L. Saphiere	169	79	75	154	323
J. C. Dickson ...	165	77	83	160	325
T. S. M. Terrace	165	80	81	161	326
D. R. Glass	164	89	73	162	326
J. A. Grubb	166	81	81	162	328
C. O. Cumming..	169	84	77	161	330
W. J. Hawkins ..	171	84	75	159	330
S. J. H. Fox	172	78	61	159	331
W. N. Gray III ..	166	88	79	167	333
K. M. Cumming..	172	83	82	165	337
W. H. B. Rigg ..	171	87	82	169	340
W. D. Ward-Smith	171	89	83	172	343
B. J. Wall	172	85	87	172	344
A. V. Pettitt	164	88	94	182	346
B. Malvar	171	87	90	177	348
M. M. Bates	171	89	89	178	349
S. Meschevsky ..	173	83	94	177	350
L. F. Maclennan	172	92	89	181	353
H. Grubb	173	96	86	182	355

* Tie for third place. A. B. Davis won in the play-off.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches at King's Park this afternoon:

2nd XI v R.A.S.C. (3 o'clock): Benwell; Killeen and Saxby; Smits, Heptonstall and Gorman; Macey, Dormer, Gilchrist, Ireson and Banks.

1st XI v Recreio: (4.15): Fishlock; Jordan and Yourieff; Taylor, Pennington and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Ure, Dunne and Highlands.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

P. Manson—According to information received by us from the organisers, non-Chinese runners in the forthcoming distance race are not only eligible but welcome. It is understood that the object of holding the race is to bring together as many athletes of different nationalities on the sports field as possible in order to promote better understanding.—Sports Editor.

His Excellencyy the Acting Governor, Lt.-General E. F. Norton, will attend the Race Meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday, November 2.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Club are making one change in their advertised team to meet Navy to-day. Dunnett is unavailable and Castleton will be hooking for the first fifteen once again.

Club should not be unduly extended by Navy, though their "A" team will probably be beaten.

Despite further experiments, Army should account for Police, who beat Navy last Saturday.

Following is to-day's programme:

At the Valley, Club "A" v Navy "A" at 3.15 p.m.

CLUB "A"—Hopkins; Van Leeuwen, D. Hynes, Carruthers and Jones; Morgan and Clemo; Stout, A. N. Other, Lee; Stark, Davies; Thomas, Godfrey and A. N. Other.

NAVY "A"—P.O. Clough; L.A.C. Gracie, Cdt. Lamble, P.O. Wilson and P.O. Skinner; S/L. Smith and A.B. Gallagher; S/L. Eager, Tel. Porter, S/L. Beattie; P/O. Baugh, L.S. Jones; S/L. Danger, S/L. Young and Ord. Sea. Taylor.

At the Valley, Club v Navy at 4.30 p.m.

CLUB—Thompson; Stewart, Aitkenhead, Day and Bosanquet; Charter and Thomson; McCrea, Castleton, Heasman; Gairdner, Needham; Kennedy, Hackett and Taylor.

NAVY—F/Lt. Wright; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Tel. Honeywill and S/L. McGill; S/L. Rutherford and Lt. Carter; L.S.A. Palmer, Lt. Watson, Sgt. Manfield; F/Lt. Taylor, C.P.O. Wtr. King; Lt. (E) Brown, S/L. Carey and A.B. Longmuir.

Navy Reserves—L.S.B.A. Addis, A.B. Lilley, A.B. Lovelock, L.S. Mitchell, A.B. Williams; Tel. Faulkner and Ldg. Sig. Sandison.

At Boundary Street, Police v Army at 4.30 p.m.

Following is believed to be the Army team: Berry; Richards, Douglass, Coombes and Marsh; Hook (Capt.) and Wedderburn; Bompas, Ford, Sutherland; Millar, Cuthbertson; Duke, Heath and Pinkerton.

Reserves—Hewitt, Bedford, Macdonald, Giblin and Foley.

AUCTION OF PONIES

Gratification at the response made by the members of the Club, was expressed by the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce at the conclusion of the auction sale of Australian griffins at the Hong Kong Jockey Club yesterday.

Fifty ponies had been imported by the Club for the 1941 racing season, and the last ten were auctioned off yesterday.

All ponies started off at the upset price of $1,250. Following are the ponies sold and their prices:

Bay mare, four years, 14 hands 2 ins. by Pacolet from Our Fern, $3,000; chestnut gelding, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Colugo from Our Tress, $1,950; bay mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Graculus from Irish Airs, $3,000; chestnut gelding, 4 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Woodhack from Una, $2,500; bay mare, 6 years, 14 hands, 3 ins., by Mr. Clever from Millimetre, $3,000; bay mare, 5 years, 14 hands 2 ins., by Spelthorne from Welkin Lilly, $2,800; chestnut mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Ironsides from Royalty, $2,500; bay mare, 6 years, 14 hands 3 ins., by Pentheus from Goldpage, $2,800.

No. 23, a bay mare, 4 years, by Weatherwise from unnamed, was withdrawn and not offered for auction.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING

The annual Inter-School Swimming sports will be held in the V.R.C. pool on Friday, November 1, at 2 p.m.

VITAL SOCCER MATCH FOR TO-MORROW

By "Referee"

THE OUTSTANDING GAME in this week's soccer programme is the First Division encounter between South China and Sing Tao to-morrow at Caroline Hill.

The outcome of this game will have an important bearing on the championship, even at this early stage of the season, and will mean a lot in gate receipts at future games.

Sing Tao have the better balanced team generally but South China have a useful forward line which should enable them to give their opponents a good game.

Navy meet Royal Scots at Causeway Bay and a good game should be witnessed. Royals did well to beat Kwong Wah last week and their forward line showed a great improvement. Navy are as usual uncertain of their lineup but are always able to field a fairly strong side.

St. Joseph's will be without Fernandes, their pivot, who cannot play owing to business reasons, and J. Gomes and Maher will also be absent, owing to illness.

Without these three players the Saints are not expected to extend Middlesex, who will be at full strength.

The best game in Second Division should be between Engineers and Royal Scots while the South China and Sing Tao game should also provide good football.

Air Force, leaders of Third Division, meet 24th Battery, last year's champions, and will get their first real test this season. Air Force have two outstanding players in Edmund and Cuthbert who are playing out of their class in Third Division.

H.K.F.C. Soccer Teams

Following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Football Club this week-end:

First Division (v. Eastern on Caroline Hill ground)—Odell; Strange and Bone; Skinner, Farrow and Strange; Wilson, Scott, Fowler, Bickford and Reiersten.

Second Division (v. R.A.O.C. on Caroline Hill ground)—Beattie; Macfarlane and Sloan; Purvis, Grattan and Carr; Odell, Foullard, Hopkinson, Morrison and Lodge.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

To-day

First Division

Navy v R. Scots (Causeway Bay, 4.30 p.m.).
Eastern v Club (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.).
Middlesex v St. Joseph's (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.).

Second Division

Ordnance v Club (Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.).
Navy v 30th R.A. (Causeway Bay, 3.00 p.m.).
Middlesex v Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.).
R. Engineers v R. Scots (Military, 3.00 p.m.).
Kit Chee v Kowloon (Military, 4.30 p.m.).

Third Division

Service Corps v 12th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.).
Engineers v Shell (St. Joseph's, 4.30 p.m.).
24th R.A. v Air Force (Club, 3.00 p.m.).
35th R.A. v Medicals (Stanley, 3.00 p.m.).

To-morrow

First Division

South China v Sing Tao (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.).
Kwong Wah v Police (Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.).

Second Division

South China v Sing Tao (Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.).
Service Corps v Police (Boundary St., 3.00 p.m.).

Third Division

7th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.).
Signals v 36th R.A. (Club, 3.00 p.m.).
A.S.A. v International (Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)

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SIGNIFICANT SILENCE

Nazi Spokesmen Promise Something "Next Week"

Bartolomeo Colleoni survivors, prisoners of war at Alexandria. (Copyright, Fox).

Demands Upon France Modified?

THE GERMAN PRESS continues to maintain a stolid and significant silence over the results of Hitler's talks with Marshal Petain and General Franco.

Nazi spokesmen yesterday were indignant at suggestions that Der Fuehrer had been on a begging mission, but were unable to give any information about the talks.

All they could say was that more concrete information might be given next week about the "New Order in Europe" from which "the nightmare of foreign interference will be expelled."

Reports from Madrid say that the tension there, which has been high for some days past, has now abated considerably.

Rumours continue to circulate about the nature of the demands made on France.

Stories published in the American press yesterday morning tend to confirm the earlier belief that these demands were drastic in character, but other messages say that the Nazis may have had to modify their demands.

Goering's own newspaper, the "National Zeitung," yesterday claimed that Marshal Petain was the one who asked that the meeting between him and Hitler should take place!

In Italy, the newspaper "Popolo di Roma" says that the meetings held this week are only part of a series of international meetings not yet completed, while the paper "Piccolo," obviously inspired from the same source, says that according to all probability all these meetings do not yet seem to be closed.

All this Axis hesitation to announce a so-called "diplomatic success" is being noted by neutral countries, where it is stressed that for the first time Hitler has had to abandon his usual policy of sending imperious summonses to the heads of foreign states and had to go himself, cap in hand.

The Turkish newspaper "Republic" yesterday quoted Hitler's own words that "a people who surrender their independence, country and honour without firing a single shot are unworthy to live."

There was an interesting broadcast yesterday to French listeners from the German-controlled radio station at Lille, warning that some Frenchmen still believe in the probability, possibility and even certainty of a British victory.

"It is useless to discuss the question with them," said the announcer, "for they believe in a British victory as one believes in a religion." — Reuter.

EX-KING CAROL APPEALS TO UNITED STATES

It is disclosed in Washington that ex-King Carol of Rumania, who is detained in his hotel at Seville, has appealed to the United States Government to intercede with the Spanish authorities on behalf of himself and members of his party.

The appeal was received by the American Legation in Lisbon with a request to forward it to President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

INDEPENDENT UNIT: ACCORD WITH CZECHS

The fullest Czechoslovakian military cooperation with Britain was sealed by an agreement signed yesterday at the Foreign Office in London.

Britain will give the Provisional Czechoslovak Government credit to finance the Czech military effort.

Subject only to jurisdiction by the Allied High Command, the Czechs will be organised into their own units with distinctive badges and under their own officers.

Czech air units will be attached to the R.A.F. but without losing their national character and the Czech land forces will be organised from troops now in Britain and the Middle East supplemented from volunteers abroad.—Reuter.

THE CZECH FORCES

Commenting on the Czech agreement with Britain in a broadcast from London, the Czech Minister of National Defence said last night that the Czechoslovak land army in the British Empire now became an entirely independent unit under Czechoslovak commanders, while the Czech Air Force had created independent Czech fighter and bomber squadrons within the Royal Air Force.

The Army and Air Force were equipped with the best British weapons.

In general, the agreement applied to all British territories, he said. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

"The great new defence combination brought about by Britain, Canada and the United States is one of the greatest facts coming out of the last few months and will be of even greater significance in the future," declared Sir Howard d'Egville, Secretary of the Empire Parliamentary Association, in a speech at Toronto University yesterday.

Sir Howard gave warning that a war was never won till it was carried into enemy territory and said Canada would play a role of "decisive importance" in that great battle of the future. — Reuter.

It is announced in the "Gazette" that following an Inquiry held by the Medical Board, the name of Dr. So Ping-lun has been struck off the register.

The inquiry concerned the giving of cholera inoculations by unqualified assistants and the issue of certificates.

TO THE WOMEN OF ENGLAND

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